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Education Commissioner Dr. Rita A. Sablan has replaced Karen Borja as principal of Marianas High School, naming Craig Garrison in her stead.

Garrison confirmed the appointment yesterday, saying that Sablan verbally informed him about his new responsibility Monday night. He admitted be-

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THE TALE OF THE CNMI

'From rags to riches and back to rags in 30 years'

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In a span of 30 years, the CNMI has gone from rags to riches and is now nearly back to rags.

That's how Saipan Chamber of Commerce president Douglas Brennan described the CNMI economy in his address yesterday to members of the largest business organization in the islands with some 150 members.

Between the early '80s and into the '90s, the CNMI rose from obscurity to being the "brightest star on the Pacific horizon," he said, referring to the development of the garment and tourism industries.

A combination of factors, including the Asian economic cri-

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David J. John, chairman of the Guam Chamber of Commerce board of directors, gestures as he makes a presentation on the military buildup before members and guests of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce at The Palms Resort in San Roque yesterday. HAIDEE V. EUGENIO

US military buildup an opportunity, not solution to region's ills

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Guam Chamber of Commerce board chair David J. John said the military buildup in Guam should be seen as an opportunity and not a free lunch or the solution to all the problems plaguing the region.

The buildup involves the relocation of some 8,600 Marines and their 9,000 dependents, and thousands more of troops and contractors.

"If we treat it as an opportunity, work hard and leverage it correctly, the buildup offers the opportunity of being one of the best things

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House finalizes language of exit poll on Interior report

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Members of the House of Representatives will be voting today on a bill that mandates the Commonwealth Election Commission to conduct an exit poll on the U.S. Department of the Interior's recommendation for improved immigration status for foreign workers.

The bill wants voters in the Novem-

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Local

Saipan Tribune launches 'Partners in Education' campaign

Partners in Education

The *Saipan Tribune* is proud to announce the launching of its "Partners In Education" program for school year 2010-2011. Any interested companies and/or individuals may sponsor one or multiple copies of the *Saipan Tribune* for donation to any educational institution on Saipan.

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WHAT THEY SAY

Here are some comments from Dandan Elementary School students and teachers:

"We use the newspaper for Science projects, Social Studies for story pictures and other discussions for local news."

"Students use pictures to write own story."

"Students try to find certain spelling words in the text."

"It helps me read about the current events going on everyday on island and worldwide. That way I can explain it to my students at their level."

"The newspaper helps me because I don't have cable at home to watch the news so that way I can read about it."

"It's been nice to keep up with current and local events to share with students."

"In my 3rd grade class, we use the *Saipan Tribune* for a weekly Language Arts assignment. For example, we search for different parts of speech such as proper nouns or verbs. We have also used it for Social Studies activities such as discussing about communities and what happens. "

"*Saipan Tribune* has been a great addition for our classroom for local/world awareness. We have used the paper to give current event reports. When it is past, we use it for other projects (Science Fair, Art, etc..). Thank you."

"It is a great sample to show students what a newspaper contains. It allows students to get interested on what is being printed in the news. I think it is a good idea to have *Saipan Tribune* exposing current events."

"Thank you for continuing to serve DES with the delivery of *Saipan Tribune*. It is used wisely in the classroom (mine especially) not only by me but my students as well. They enjoy reading about events happening around them. Thanks."

Man'amko choose new advisory council

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Saipan's *man'amko* voted Tuesday for a new set of members for the 2010 Saipan Seniors Advisory Council and Aging Office director Rose Mondala is "very pleased" with the election.

"Everything went very smoothly. We didn't have any problems," Mondala told the media Tuesday after the tabulation of ballots.

Among the ballots, 64 were valid while 14 were considered null and void as these ballots contained fewer or more than eight votes.

The winning senior candidates were Jose Torres, Christiana Michael, Francisco Reyes, Meryalen Conrad, Teresita Sorroza, Nancy Nannay, Rosario Ibanez, and Earl Nannay.

"I expect the new council to come in, do their work, and serve the rest of the *man'amko*," said Mondala.

According to Mondala, the eight winners will choose among themselves the officers of the council, including president, vice president, and treasurer.

Mondala said it is important for winners to elect the most qualified to serve in these positions, particularly the treasurer, because of the responsibilities.

The treasurer will be in charge of the counting of the *man'amko*'s funds and donations as well as submit financial reports.

Program coordinator Walter Manglona said that major consideration should also be given when deciding on a vice president since he or she will serve in an acting capacity when the elected president is indisposed.

Mondala said the election of officers will be held before the new council members take their oath of office on Sept. 30.

Manglona added that they held the election a month ahead to provide enough time for the transition period.

Hospital tightens rules against bringing in food to the ICU

The Commonwealth Health Center is tightening up its enforcement of policies and regulations, particularly in the intensive care unit where the bringing of food from outside is now strictly prohibited.

A visiting Medicare investigation team had noted early this year the need to address the easy entry of food items to ICU patients—a clear violation of hospital regulations.

At ICU, patients are required to receive and consume only the food prescribed by the doctors and rationed by the hospital. Patients' families must be barred from delivering any food items to the patient.

Esther Muña, acting deputy secretary for hospital administration, confirmed with *Saipan Tribune* past incidents that violated this rule.

Muña cited a specific case of an ICU patient whose stay at the ICU became prolonged because of the effect of *lantiya* that was delivered by family members. *Lantiya* is a local dessert.

"Yes, in our local culture, that's very nice…family members bringing food to the patients, but in the medical field it's totally unacceptable," said Muña.

She stressed that CHC is now making significant progress in strengthening its policies across all units and divisions.

Muña said that unit managers, along with designated nurses, are doing a good job in educating patients and their families on the importance of a strict diet.

Bags of family members are also being inspected by hospital staff to ensure no food enters the ICU unit.

"All we need is to communicate better with the patients' families and inform them what not to bring for their patient," said Muña. ***(Moneth G. Deposa)***

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IN ORDER TO RESUME SHIPPING OPERATIONS

Dynasty wants $210,000 arrears with CPA written off

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The Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, the operator of the Tinian Shipping & Transportation Inc., wants the Commonwealth Ports Authority to clear its books by writing off most of its $310,000 arrears so it could resume its ferry service on Tinian.

Saipan Tribune learned that Alfred Yue, the hotel's managing director, formally sent a letter to the ports authority last week, asking the agency to evaluate the current financial standing of the company.

Tinian Shipping's ferry services between Saipan and Tinian were suspended on March 16, 2010. Tinian residents and tourists currently rely on air transportation to travel to and from the island.

When it suspended the ferry operation, Tinian Dynasty initially said its vessel, *Tinian Express*, needed repairs to comply with the American Bureau of Shipping's regulations.

In his letter to CPA, Yue now admits that the suspension was also due to the compandy's financial problems, arising from the adverse economy.

In order for the company to continue operating the ferry service, Yue said they are trying to restructure the company and get new money.

He said a new investor would help pay for the overhaul of *Tinian Express'* engines and upgrade all other equipment to meet federal standards.

Tinian Dynasty chair Michael Kwan had reportedly found a new investor willing to revive Tinian Shipping and invest substantial cash.

However, Yue said this could only happen if Tinian Shipping could clean up all it liabilities.

It was learned that the company's largest liability is with CPA, where it has outstanding arrears of $310,000. To clean up its books, the company is offering CPA a one-time cash payment of $100,000—a 68-percent discount.

"We wish CPA and the board to consider our request in order for TSTI to continue to provide the service to the people of CNMI and not seek other remedies to go out of the business," said Yue.

The CPA board of directors tackled the company's request in a closed-door meeting on Tuesday. No decision has been announced yet.

Tinian Dynasty decided to delay dry-docking the ferry last year due to concerns about the CNMI's ability to continue to access Chinese and Russian tourists when the federal government took over local immigration on Nov. 28, 2009.

Chinese tourists are the main market of Tinian Dynasty Hotel and Casino, the only casino operator in the CNMI.

It was learned that the company's $310,000 debt with CPA was the result of the unfulfilled settlement agreement between CPA and Tinian Shipping after the ports authority sued the firm for breach of contract relating to the failure of the shipping firm to pay passenger fees as required in their June 2006 lease agreement.

Suspect in store robbery falls

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Police arrested Tuesday afternoon one of two suspects who allegedly robbed a store in San Vicente Saturday night.

Detectives arrested Calvin Aguon Fitial, 26, at his home in San Vicente for his alleged participation in the robbery at the Green Island Market.

Fitial

Santos

Police spokesman Sgt. Thomas A. Blas Jr. said the second suspect, Aliston Santos, 20, is now in detention for his role in the foiled robbery at SV Video Poker in San Vicente Monday morning.

Blas said Santos is also being charged with the Green Island Market robbery. His bail is set at $50,000 cash.

Fitial was brought to the Superior Court yesterday morning on charges of robbery, assault with a dangerous weapon, conspiracy to commit robbery, theft, and disturbing the peace. Bail was set at $100,000 cash.

Detective Melissa Bauleong stated in her report that Fitial's arrest was made possible after Santos confessed that he and Fitial were involved in the Green Island Market robbery.

Bauleong said that Ha Liang Chen, 33, owner of Green Island Market, positively identified Fitial in a photo lineup as the person who pointed knife at him. Chen said Fitial is a regular customer.

Preliminary police investigation showed that two men had entered the Green Island Market, located south of the former San Vicente Headstart Program, on Saturday. One suspect approached Chen, held a knife to the back of his head, and demanded money.

Chen gave the suspect about $450 in cash. The armed suspect grabbed a pack of cigarettes and a bottle of liquor and exited the store.

The second suspect, who was wearing a mask, acted as a lookout.

Bauleong said that Santos, who was arrested with Terrence Aguon Fitial on Monday in connection with the foiled robbery at SV Video Poker, admitted to investigators that he was the masked lookout in the Green Island Market robbery.

Santos allegedly told police that he and Fitial were at his aunt's house in San Vicente when Fitial asked him to go with him rob a store.

After the robbery, Santos said he and Calvin Fitial went back to the house where they drank the liquor they stole from the store, Bauleong said.

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that ever happened to our community. However, if we don't properly plan and execute, the buildup could be a disaster for our standard of living," said John, who was the guest speaker in yesterday's Saipan Chamber of Commerce meeting at The Palms Resort in San Roque.

John, who is also the president of ASC Trust Corp., shared with Saipan Chamber of Commerce members and guests Guam's economic state, labor situation and most of the issues facing the Guam Chamber centered on the pending military buildup.

"The economic result of this relocation investment will provide an opportunity for an unprecedented improvement to the quality of life, employment and financial opportunity for not only citizens of Guam but the entire region," he said.

But John, in an interview later, said there is no telling yet as to the number of qualified workers from the CNMI and other islands in the region that may be hired to work on military buildup-related projects.

He said the needed workforce should be a combination of H-visa workers and U.S. citizens.

Jim Arenovski, president of Delta Management Corp. and vice president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, said economic benefits from the buildup depend on the nature of business of CNMI entities.

John said the Guam economy has been stimulated by the buildup more than many might recognize.

He said outside the bases, Guam has begun over $100 million in road renovations, new schools are being built, work has begun on several large water and power infrastructure projects, and is about to break ground on a $200 million port realignment.

"These are the known expenditures that have helped and will continue to stimulate the economy into the near future," John added.

He said many companies are already taking advantage of the buildup, including Herman's Bakery on Saipan which has set up a bakery in Guam to supply the bases.

John said the military buildup has also placed Guam on the map.

"We could not have bought this kind of advertising for our community. Once we get Guam on the map, and get companies to come out here, we need to work on these same companies to look to the region to base their companies. The opportunities are limitless. But we need to make sure we are doing this as a region with a strong voice," he added.

Recommendations to CNMI

John said one of the reasons Guam contractors have had so many successes in the big multi-award contracts is that Guam is a HUBZone, which stands for Historically Underutilized Business Zone.

Guam has 45 registered HUBZone companies, which put them in an advantaged position on certain federal contracts.

John said one of the things he would advocate for the CNMI is to get the CNMI a HubZone status.

"I would recommend that Chamber get congressman [Gregorio Kilili] Sablan to work with congresswoman [Madeleine] Bordallo to get this in place," he said.

'There is still time'

John said there is still time to get the CNMI businesses involved in the buildup.

The major construction projects, he said, are still some time in the future as Guam needs its port upgraded before any substantial movement occurs.

"Once the planning and infrastructure is ready to go, we will transition to the actual building stage. From a community standpoint, this is the level that can make the buildup a success story or not 20 years from now," he said.

The Guam Chamber of Commerce board chair also said that it's not the actual buildup that they are excited about, but the new economy that will develop.

The guest speaker also called for a regular meeting of executives of both the Guam and Saipan chambers of commerce to discuss common issues of importance.

"As business leaders in our community, we need to come together, put aside our differences and make sure we do this right. I challenge each and every one of you to rethink the opportunities the buildup could bring your companies either directly or indirectly. It can be done," he said.

The CNMI expects to get a share of the pie when U.S. troops also train on Tinian because training ranges in Guam are not enough.

The northern two-thirds of Tinian public lands are leased by the U.S. Defense Department.

The military-leased property already has existing battalion level non-live fire training areas, but the military plans to develop four live-fire training ranges, including a platoon battle course, an automated combat pistol/military police firearms qualification course, rifle known distance range, and a field firing range.

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sis, 9/11 attacks, SARS, the pullout of Japan Airlines, and poor advance planning combined to cause a spiraling fall into recession by 2000.

By 2010, the CNMI is in the middle of an economic depression, with government budget shrinking to $137 million from over $250 million just a few years back. Government resources available for operation will further drop to $132 million in fiscal year 2011.

"My preference would be for our elected leaders to buckle down and lay out the goals and targets needed to get our economy back on track by 2020 and then execute a plan of action," said Brennan, who is also the general manager of Micrel Corp.

Marian Aldan-Pierce, president of DFS-Saipan and a member of the MVA board of directors, said she remains optimistic that there's "light at the end of the tunnel."

Economy, tourism

House minority leader Diego T. Benavente (R-Saipan) said the Chamber is spot on when it said the government lacks a plan to get the CNMI out of its present quagmire.

Benavente said calling for a budget summit is still not too late.

A budget summit will bring together the administration, the House, Senate, and the private sector to plan for the future, and to discuss where the needed revenue will come from, industries that could be developed, cost-cutting measures in government, accountability, and tax and business laws.

"It's also frustrating that about a month after the Marianas Visitors Authority presented its monetary incentive program for travel agents, we have yet to receive from the administration and the House leadership their promised legislation to appropriate $6.2 million or at least a portion of it to MVA when tourism is supposed to be a priority," Benavente told *Saipan Tribune.*

He said if the government was able to immediately find some $4 million to address payroll, it could find at least a few millions to improve tourism—its only industry.

"In my opinion, this is also important because it will help ensure future payrolls. Why is the administration or the leadership not rushing to move this program forward?" he asked.

Rep. Edmund Villagomez (Cov-Saipan), chair of the House Committee on Commerce and Tourism, said his committee has yet to see any legislation appropriating money for MVA's incentive program for travel agents.

Under MVA's program, travel agents will be given monetary incentive for every passenger from the Japanese cities of Osaka and Nagoya that they will bring to Saipan during so-called low peak periods.

The maximum cash incentive per passenger is $100.

Work hour cuts

Brennan said CNMI elected officials are now targeting rank-and-file government employees "without seeming to give a second thought to ways in which they can reduce spending at their level."

The Fitial administration sent out notices this week to over 1,500 employees who will be subjected to a 16-hour cut every pay period starting Oct. 1.

"The blatant self-interest shown by a select few of our leaders is dumbfounding," he said.

The House just passed a $132 million budget bill that increases lawmakers' discretionary funding from $86,796 to $130,000 while employees will get a 16-hour pay cut every pay period.

The Senate, which is set to act on the budget bill on Friday, said it will retain the current discretionary funding for lawmakers.

Brennan said cutting salaries across-the-board unfairly penalizes good employees and allows leaders to continue to ignore the long-term problem "that our local government is simply too big."

"With all the various cabinet heads, secretaries, executive directors, directors, executive assistants, special assistants and special advisors, do we really need 20 congressmen and nine senators?" Brennan asked.

He said advance planning is apparently a foreign concept to many past and present lawmakers.

"We need long-range plans that incorporate efficient energy, potable water, cost effective shipping to and from the islands, quality education, fair and equitable enforcement of our laws, a clean environment, tight border controls, and the ability to pay our workers a living wage, amongst other things," Brennan added.

EXIT POLL

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ber 2010 election to be surveyed whether they support or oppose Interior's report. The question will be printed on a sheet separate from the ballot.

Absentee voters will also be given the exit poll.

The question is contained in Section 5, Exit Poll, of House Bill 17-104, House Substitute 1, introduced by Rep. Eli Cabrera (R-Saipan).

The bill requires the exit poll to state the following: "Without consulting the governor as required by PL 110-229, the April 2010 Report on the Alien Worker Population in the CNMI by the Department of the Interior, recommended the following: 'Consistent with the goals of comprehensive immigration reform, we recommend that the Congress consider permitting alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for a minimum of five years to apply for long-term status under the immigration and nationality laws of the United States.'"

It then asks: "Do you agree with this recommendation that the U.S. Congress consider permitting alien workers who have lawfully resided in the CNMI for a minimum of five years to apply for long-term status such as United States citizenship, permanent resident status, and freely associated state nonimmigrant status? ____ Yes. ____ No."

The bill will be acted on in today's House session. The Senate is also expected to vote on the bill shortly.

The final formulation of the question yesterday came days after Gov. Benigno R. Fitial met with the leadership of the House and Senate on Friday morning.

Tina Sablan, a former lawmaker and a staunch supporter of foreign workers, said mandating the Commonwealth Election Commission to administer the non-binding exit poll "is a bad idea, not to mention an additional expense."

Robert Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Election Commission, said the commission needs an additional $2,000 to print 18,000 questionnaires for the exit poll.

Ignacio Demapan, chair of the Indigenous Rights Movement, said they will be visiting villages to hold an educational campaign on the exit poll.

The movement is also behind campaigns to oppose the Interior report.

Fitial is also opposed to the Interior report, while the Legislature has adopted a resolution opposing the report.

Many nonresident workers and others in the community strongly support the Interior report, while other indigenous Chamorros and Carolinians strongly oppose it.

The CNMI will hold an election on Nov. 2 to elect a delegate to the U.S. House of Representatives, and to vote on three legislative initiatives.

Exit poll procedures

Under HB 17-104, HS1, the Election Commission is required to post a sample of the exit poll survey in English, Chamorro and Carolinian at each polling place.

However, the commission is required to conduct the exit poll in English.

The bill requires election staff workers to hand each registered voter the exit poll when handing the registered voter their ballot.

If the register voter chooses to answer the exit poll, the election commission will provide a sealed ballot box for them to drop their exit poll in.

The commission is mandated to also provide all absentee voters with the exit poll.

It is also required to publish the findings of the exit poll in the same manner as all other results.

GARRISON

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ing surprised at his re-appointment.

Borja has been off-island since summer. Many had expected her to return for the new school year.

Saipan Tribune tried to ask Sablan yesterday about Borja's employment status but she said she was still in a meeting.

Garrison, who used to head the Saipan Southern High School, refused to say if Borja quit her job or just extended her vacation. He said, though, that his appointment to MHS is permanent.

Garrison officially reported to MHS as its new principal yesterday. He was seen busy attending to students' and staff's needs when interviewed.

Saipan Southern vice principal Jesse Tudela took over Garrison's job at the Koblerville school.

Although he described his reappointment as "bad timing" because he was already set for Saipan Southern, Garrison believes that there's a bigger reason for the move.

"Of course it's always hard…but I have to believe that there's a greater purpose. The goal here is to unify all schools into one system and be cooperative [with one another]," he said.

Many Saipan Southern students interviewed yesterday were saddened by Garrison's departure from their school.

"We will miss him…we're very grateful to all the things he did for us here in SSHS," one student said.

Garrison vowed to make the same positive changes to MHS that he did for Saipan Southern.

MHS had 1,396 students enrolled as of yesterday, Garrison said, and the number may grow in coming days.

Public schools will start classes on Sept. 7.

Although the Mariana High School expects more enrollees this school year, Garrison believes they will have no overcrowding. Based on its capacity, MHS can accommodate up to 2,000 enrollees.

The school also just recently lost one of its vice principals, John Davis, who resigned, leaving the school with only two vice principals.

Garrison vowed to look for Davis' replacement as soon as possible.

Garrison has been with PSS for over 15 years and was with Saipan Southern for almost nine years. He rose from the ranks as a teacher, then vice principal, until his appointment as Saipan Southern principal last year.

Other new principals this school year include Martin Dalsaso for San Antonio Elementary School, Jesse Tudela for Saipan Southern High School, Dionne Santos for Tinian Elementary School, and Naomi Nishimura for William S. Reyes Elementary School.

DHS may now begin construction work at NMI airports

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The CNMI government and the Department of Homeland Security's Customs and Border Protection inked Tuesday a "right of entry" agreement that allows the federal agency to begin construction activities within the islands' airports.

Edward Deleon Guerrero, executive director of the Commonwealth Ports Authority, disclosed during Tuesday's special board meeting that the agreement was negotiated between DHS and the CNMI government, with the governor's special adviser, Howard Willens, taking the lead for the CNMI.

Four board members voted "yes" to the agreement: chairman Jose Lifoifoi, Fermin Sakisat, Margaret Prater, and Manny Villagomez. Benigno Sablan abstained. Thomas Villagomez was excused, while Barrie Toves has yet to be confirmed by the Senate.

Prior to voting, Sablan disagreed with some of the accord's language. Among other things, he cited the "free" hosting of the CBP group at airport sites.

"I am not in favor of this agreement…and seriously, we need to review this. Also, they don't want to pay [for rent] while the Transportation Security Administration is paying us. …If TSA can pay, why can't CBP pay?" asked Sablan.

CPA management clarified that the agreement "is not a lease…but only a right of entry" for the federal agency.

Deleon Guerrero said he did share the board's concerns with the administration but he pointed out that the agreement was negotiated directly with the administration.

Under the terms of the accord, the CNMI—represented by CPA—will allow CBP to conduct construction activities at CNMI airports for one year and on a year-to-year basis at the discretion of CBP for up to 20 years. CBP may extend the agreement for two more 20-year periods under the same terms and conditions.

CBP is allowed to have its own generator, which will be located between CBP office buildings, and a water tank outside the fence of the west gate of the Saipan International Airport.

Deleon Guerrero assured the board that construction of the water tanks and generator for CBP would not hamper airport operations.

Saipan Tribune learned that construction of CBP facilities on both Rota and Saipan would be shouldered by CPA, which will get the funding from the U.S. Congress for this purpose.

Deleon Guerrero said that having their own generator and water tank means that CBP would shoulder its own utility costs. The same agreement, he said, also covers renovations of the entire inspection area.

Without the right of entry agreement, Deleon Guerrero said that CBP's projects at CNMI airports will remain on hold.

Employers surveyed for jobs inventory

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REPORTER

Hundreds of employers in the CNMI are now being surveyed online for their jobs inventory, data from which is expected to help provide employment for U.S. citizens and to help determine the extension of the transition period for foreign workers to remain in the Commonwealth, among other things.

The "2010 CNMI Jobs Inventory Survey" is being conducted by the CNMI Department of Labor.

Douglas Brennan, president of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, encouraged businesses to take the time to fill out the survey form, which is also done in line with Public Law 17-1 or the CNMI omnibus immigration law.

PL 17-1 makes the Commonwealth Code conform with the requirements of the federalization law, Title VII of U.S. Public Law 110-229, with respect to federal control of immigration and deportation. It converts the mandatory 20- to 30-percent local hiring preference into a floating benchmark.

"If employers don't fill up the form, then they could expect a call or visit from Labor to make sure they participate in the survey," Brennan told Saipan Tribune.

The Chamber, the largest business organization in the CNMI with some 150 members, held its monthly meeting yesterday afternoon at The Palms Resort in San Roque.

Employers are asked to complete the survey within two weeks of receiving the request or as soon as possible.

They are asked to report on each job for which a worker was paid at any time during the month of August 2010.

Labor Secretary Gil M. San Nicolas, in his cover letter for the survey, said the Commonwealth needs the survey in order to qualify for certain federal grants, and to "assist with respect to the U.S. Secretary of Labor's determination on the extension of the transition period for foreign workers to remain in the Commonwealth.

San Nicolas said the survey will also help plan for and provide better employment training of U.S. citizens.

"(The survey also seeks) to provide the Commonwealth government and the public with information we do not now have because the U.S. agencies do not collect this information in the CNMI on a current basis," San Nicolas said.

The Labor secretary said the information that employers provide is kept strictly confidential and will be used only to prepare statistical compilations that do not identify individuals or employers.

Some of the information requested by the survey form include the employer's name and employer number or TIN/SSN, as well as their business expectations – fewer aliens, same number of aliens, more aliens.

Employers are also asked about the O-NET job code, their employees' job title, job status, worker's name, Form I-9 status, and Form I-9 ID number.

The federal government took over CNMI immigration on Nov. 28, 2009.

Kagman's new youth center opens

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Kagman Community Center now houses the Kagman Youth Center, which officially opened on Aug. 26.

Young members of the Kagman community can now take advantage of the youth center's features, which includes a ping pong table and two pool tables.

The Kagman Youth Center is open Thursdays through Sundays, 4pm to 9pm. It also has free Wi-Fi provided by the Department of Public Safety office, which is right next door.

Kagman Komunidat Association president Jesse Torres told *Saipan Tribune* that KKA heard the Kagman youth "loud and clear."

"They wanted a youth center and we are providing it to them," he said.

Torres said the ping pong table has been in the community center for a couple of years while the pool tables were purchased using funds from former representative Rosemond Santos and Senate floor leader Pete P. Reyes (R-Saipan).

Kagman residents Rhiner Aguon, Beng Dela Rosa, and Greg Deleon Guerrero helped find the pool table supplier, said Torres.

"Since no elected officials took action, we decided to do it ourselves," he added.

According to Torres, KKA believes that the youth center is "a great investment" for the Kagman community. He said Kagman youths could study and do their research at the center because of the Wi-Fi connection.

"With the laptops being provided to high school and junior high school students by the federal government, we hope that DPS continues with their wireless connection because the youth badly need it," he added.

"We hope that this youth center grows and that other villages experience the same convenience," he added.

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Labor announces mandatory alien registration

The Commonwealth has been registering aliens annually since 1985. After the Immigration Division was disbanded, its former task of registering aliens was assigned to the Department of Labor.

"Every alien who has an ID card issued by the CNMI after Jan. 1, 2010 is already registered," said Labor deputy secretary Jacinta Kaipat. "Those aliens need do nothing further until next year."

Workers whose contracts are renewed during 2010 are automatically registered in the contract process and their new updated ID cards have been issued. The same is true for all foreign investors, foreign business owners, foreign students, and immediate relatives who already have CNMI-issued ID cards for 2010. Those persons are already registered and need not do anything further about registration this year.

Kaipat

"We are now working on registering all other aliens in the Commonwealth, including immediate relatives, common law spouses, minors, victims of crime and aliens eligible under VAWA (Violence Against Women Act), and all others," Kaipat said.

Registration is required of all aliens other than lawful permanent residents (green card holders), regardless of status. There is no fee for these registrations.

For aliens who do not have a prior-year registration or permit card, the documentation required for registration includes a passport-sized photo, a completed registration form, and personal identification showing birth date. The registration form is on the department's website, www.marianaslabor.net.

The registration window will be open from 8:15am to 4:15pm, Monday through Thursday.

The schedule for registration is as follows:

- Sept. 7-24: Aliens in the 240K classification who are not already registered (current or former workers)
- Sept. 27-Oct. 14: Aliens in the 240G, 240H, and 240N classifications who are not already registered (current or former investors, students, and business owners)
- Oct. 18-Nov. 3: IRs in all classifications who are not already registered (current IRs of U.S. citizens, foreign workers, foreign students, foreign investors, and foreign business owners)
- Nov. 8-30: All other aliens regardless of status

Alien registration cards will be available for pickup either at the time of the registration or within a few days after the registration form is filed.

"Aliens who register may also have their umbrella permit status problems addressed at the same time," Kaipat said. "Those who did not make their report-back date for some reason or who have other umbrella permit issues may request to have their umbrella permits or existing permits updated when they register.

Registration is required under Commonwealth PL 17-1. ***(PR)***

CLARISSA V. DAVID

Members of the Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture, the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library, the CNMI Library Council and supporters pose for a group photo during the opening of the Cultural Heritage & Arts Pacifica Exhibit at the public library yesterday. The monthlong exhibit also pays tribute to master navigator Dr. Pius "Mau" Piailug. Also in photo is Piailug's son, Henry Yarofalpiy, who accepted a plaque of recognition.

Cultural exhibit kicks off at public library

» Arts Council pays tribute to master navigator

By CLARISSA V. DAVID
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REPORTER

The Commonwealth Council for Arts and Culture officially opened the Cultural Heritage and Arts Pacifica Exhibit at the Joeten-Kiyu Public Library yesterday.

The exhibit features the artworks of 10 traditional and visual artists in the CNMI. Some of the artworks are only for display while most are for sale.

The Cultural Heritage and Arts Pacifica Exhibit is part of the celebration of Cultural Heritage Month.

Arts in Education coordinator Parker Yobei told *Saipan Tribune* that they still expect several artists who have signed up for the exhibit but are currently off-island to bring in their artworks once they are back.

Parker said the exhibit, which is usually held at the Arts Council office on Capitol Hill, was moved to a new venue to help boost the artists' sales.

"Bringing that monthlong exhibit closer to people would be able to draw in more," added library executive director John Oliver DLR Gonzales.

Gonzales said the exhibit will be "another great reason" for their over 10,000 patrons to visit the library.

He said the exhibit is one way to accomplish their mission to provide information resources through the display of arts and crafts.

"It's through innovative partnerships and collaborations like this that we are hoping to leverage our meager resources especially in these times of economic crisis and austere measures," Gonzales said.

Arts council executive director Angel Hocog said the exhibit is a great opportunity for young members of the community to be exposed to the culture of the CNMI.

Hocog urged the general public to take time to visit the monthlong exhibit.

Master navigator

The exhibit also pays tribute to Dr. Pius "Mau" Piailug, the legendary Micronesian navigator.

Piailug passed away on July 12 on his home island of Satawal, state of Yap, in the Federated States of Micronesia. He was 78.

Piailug's son, Henry Yarofalpiy, accepted the plaque of recognition from Arts Council. Piailug has two other sons on Saipan, Antonio Piailug and Asterio Tawalpiy.

Yarofalpiy thanked the Arts Council for the tribute they made for his father which he said is an "honor" for his family.

"A lot of people take it upon us to continue [my father's legacy], and we will through the Canoe Federation," he added.

Hocog said there will be videos of Piailug that will be available for viewing throughout the month.

RP consulate to change weekend office hours

The Philippine Consulate General announced yesterday changes to the weekend office hours operation of the Philippine Overseas Labor Office and Overseas Workers Welfare Administration, effective Sept. 11, 2010.

From Sundays, 11am to 3pm, both offices will now be open on Saturdays at 9am to 12pm. Both POLO and OWWA offices will also be open from 9am to 4pm during the consulate's consular services every last Sundays of the month. ***(PR)***

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

BANK OF GUAM, **Plaintiff,** **vs.** **LAURA I. MANGLONA and THOMAS M. MANGLONA,** **Defendants.**	**Civil Action No. 08-0214-CV** **NOTICE OF SALE**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to an Order issued by the Court in this matter on July 23, 2010, I will sell, at public auction, to the highest bidder, on the terms and conditions set forth hereinbelow, all of the right, title, and interest of Defendants in the following property: Lot No. 003 R 30 (formerly known as Block 31, Lot 6), as more particularly described on Drawing/Cadastral Plat No. 003 R 00, the original of which was registered 12 NOV 71 as Document No. 1290 at Land Registry, Saipan, situated on Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, containing an area of 651 square meters, more or less, and recorded at the Commonwealth Recorder's Office on 12 SEP 96 as Document No. 96-2289.

Date, Time, and Place of Sale. The sale will be held on September 24, 2010, at the hour of 10:00 am, at the Law Office of Robert T. Torres, Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. The sale will be open to the general public and will be held in reserve.

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DATED this 10th day of August, 2010.

/s/ Robert T. Torres, Auctioneer

Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands
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EQUEST FOR PROPOSAL
DPW10-RFP-009

ROUTE 100 (a.k.a. Chalan San Francisco De Borja) ENVIRONMENTAL ASSESSMENT, ROTA; CM-NH-0100 (003)

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy S. Inos, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed proposals from qualified Architectural/Engineering companies for the **Route 100 (a.k.a. Chalan San Francisco De Borja) Environmental Assessment Rota, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).**

This procurement is made in accordance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations dated May 24, 2001, however, Article 7, "Local Business Preference", as amended by Public Law 15-95 and as further amended by Public Law 15-118, is **not available** because its use is prohibited by the Federal Law granting the funding for this project. Proposal procedures shall be in full compliance with NMIAC **§ 70-30.3-305** (Architect-Engineer Services) of the Procurement Regulations.

The Scope of Work will be available on or after **August 19, 2010** at the Department of Public Works, Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan. A **mandatory** Pre-Proposal Conference is scheduled for 9:00 a.m. local time at the Department of Public Works, Conference Room, 2nd Floor, Gualo Rai Commercial Building on **September 7, 2010**. Questions regarding this RFP must be submitted in writing to Mr. Joseph M. Inos, Jr., Director of Technical Services Division, 1353 Mednilla Avenue-Capitol Hill, Saipan, or faxed to (670) 234-3547 no later than 4:30 p.m. local time **September 21, 2010.**

Proposals will be evaluated and scored bases on the following criteria:

1. Company Background and Qualifications (5 pages maximum each company) **– 25%**
2. Qualifications of Team or assigned personnel and organizational structure (5 pages combined maximum) **– 30%**
3. Past Experience of team and/or assigned personnel on projects successfully completed of similar size and scope (10 pages combined maximum) **– 25%**
4. Cost proposal **– 20%**

Proposals must be sealed and marked **"DPW10-RFP-009"**. For proposers within the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be submitted to the Director of Procurement and Supply, Lower Base, Saipan, no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 24, 2010**. Proposers located outside the CNMI may obtain an additional seven (7) working days for receipt of their proposal by submitting a **Notice of Intent to Propose**. Notices of Intent to submit proposals must be received by the Director of Procurement & Supply no later than 10:00 a.m. local time, **September 24, 2010** and may be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515 or via e-mail to procurement@pticom.com. For proposers located outside the CNMI, one original and five (5) copies of sealed proposals must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **September 24, 2010** and must be received no later than **October 5, 2010**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a proposal.

Discussions shall be conducted with at least three (3) of the firms regarding the contract requirements and technical approach and selection made there from, in order of preference, of no less than three (3) firms determined to be the most highly qualified to perform the services required. A contract shall be negotiated with the highest qualified firm at a price determined to be fair and reasonable to the government. If a fair and reasonable price can not be negotiated with the highest ranking qualified firm, then additional firms may be selected in order of competence and qualifications and negotiations continued until a fair and reasonable price is agreed upon.

The successful firm will be subjected to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations Section **§ 70-30.3-245.**

This project is funded in whole by a grant from the U.S. Department of Transportation (DOT), Federal Highway Administration (FHWA). Contract award is contingent upon funding approval by the FHWA. All offerors shall be subjected to the provisions of the Federal Aquisition Regulations Part 52, Subpart 209-5, Certification Regarding Debarment, Suspension, Proposed Debarment, and Other Responsibility Matters, March 1996.

All responses to this RFP should take into account any and all taxes that will be charged to the proposer awarded a contract for this project, including excise tax.

The Government reserves the right to reject any or all Proposals and to waive any imperfections in any Proposal in the best interest of the Government. All Proposals shall become property of the Government.

/s/ MARTIN C. SABLAN
Secretary of Public Works

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Weekend's DUI checkpoints make 7 arrests

The Department of Public Safety arrested seven individuals during a series of sobriety checkpoints over the weekend that saw traffic officers checking a total of 354 vehicles in the course of three days.

In a statement issued yesterday, DPS said the 12 sobriety checkpoints, conducted on Aug. 27–29, also resulted in the issuance of 56 active citations, one written warning, and 66 traffic violations.

Five men were arrested for high blood alcohol content, while two were detained for refusing to undergo a breath test.

Traffic violations cited included faulty brake lights, 1; seatbelt violation, 32; reckless driving, 8; failure to display license plates, 3; vehicle safety inspection violation, 1; vehicle expired registration, 1; and no driver's license in possession, 2.

In addition, police officers conducted saturation patrols in villages, highway criminal interdiction operations, and speed enforcement (laser). As a result of these operations, two motorists were cited for speed violations and two were arrested for reckless driving, DUI, and illegal possession of a controlled substance. ***(DPS)***

Spiritual Camp 2010 begins tonight

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REPORTER

The Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ (4th Watch) Saipan Locale is inviting the community to join their Spiritual Camp 2010, which opens with a welcome night at 7pm tonight.

Spiritual Camp 2010 will be conducted at the Pentecostal Missionary Church of Christ in San Jose. It will run until Sunday, Sept. 5.

Liaison officer Ronnie Doca said the spiritual camp is an annual event that aims to provide opportunity for spiritual revival and growth.

Doca said the camp is open to the public and registration is free.

Camp coordinator for Spiritual Camp 2010 is Pastor Claire Javillonar.

Doca said there will be participants from the islands of Rota and Guam.

According to Doca, the camp will feature Pastor Jonathan Ferriol, area coordinator in North America, as main speaker.

The camp's welcome night will feature prayers, scripture reading, performances of members, offertory, and songs of praise.

Friday's activities include "The Task of the Church as Soul Winners" seminars and the Healing Night.

On Saturday, participants will attend the "Other Sheep to the Fold" seminars and the Youth Night.

The last day of the camp is designated for Sunday School, Divine Worship, Leaders' Seminar, and Dedication Night.

Doca is encouraging members and non members of the church to take part in the Spiritual Camp 2010 to help strengthen their faith and spread the Word of God.

For more information, contact Claire Javillonar at 789-7566.

Coast Guard, CNMI to launch joint search, rescue exercise on Rota

GUAM—The U.S. Coast Guard Sector Guam, along with the members of Search and Rescue Groups of the Commonwealth Northern Mariana Islands and Guam, will hold a joint exercise in Sasanhaya Bay, Rota, tomorrow, Sept. 3, 2010.

Coast Guard Sector Guam personnel and SAR agencies from Guam, Saipan, and Rota will conduct a multi-agency exercise aimed at enhancing communications and response interoperability amongst participating agencies.

The exercise will also evaluate the SAR Groups' ability to establish an Incident Command Post to respond to and assess incidents that warrant the response from multiple agencies.

This will be the first time a joint SAR Group exercise between CNMI, Guam, and local SAR agencies will be held in Rota. ***(USCG)***

US, Marshalls, and Micronesia set annual meeting in Honolulu

HONOLULU, Hawaii—U.S. government officials and representatives from the Federated States of Micronesia and the Republic of the Marshall Islands will be sitting down this week in Hawaii at the annual Joint Economic Management Committee and the Joint Economic Management and Financial Accountability Committee annual meeting.

The meetings—from Sept. 1 to 3, at the Topa Financial Center—will evaluate FSM and RMI progress in achieving the objectives specified within their development plans, implementation of economic policy reforms, progress toward budgetary self-reliance and long-term economic advancement.

The JEMCO and JEMFAC were established under the 2003 Amended Compact agreements between the U.S. and the RMI and FSM respectively to strengthen management and accountability of U.S. assistance and to promote the effective use of compact funding.

Each committee has five members: three from the United States and the other two from the FSM for JEMCO and from the RMI for JEMFAC. Interior, State, and Health and Human Services departments represent the three U.S. members. Nikolao Pula from the Office of Insular Affairs presides as chairman. ***(OIA)***

Bordallo reacts to Futenma replacement facility report

WASHINGTON, D.C.—U.S. Rep Madeleine Z. Bordallo (D-GU) issued yesterday the following statement on the Futenma Replacement Facility Bilateral Experts Study Group Report:

"The release of the Futenma Replacement Facility report is an important step forward in bringing to a conclusion the concerns over the shape and size of the replacement facility," Bordallo said. "I commend the efforts of the Obama Administration and the Government of Japan to work collaboratively to address concerns regarding the Futenma facility. The Futenma facility is the lynchpin of the military build-up on Guam and progress towards final resolution is important to strengthening our bilateral relationship with Japan." ***(PR)***

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PUBLIC SERVICE ANNOUNCEMENT TO ALL MEDIA SERVICES

Governor Benigno R. Fitial and Lt. Governor Eloy Inos, through the Board of Parole Office, and pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section II of the "Open Government Act of 1992". Notice is hereby given that a **Board Executive Meeting** is scheduled for **September 08, 2010, (Wednesday)** beginning at 9:30 a.m., at the **Vicente Taman Seman Building, Department of Correction, Briefing/Training Room, Susupe, Saipan, MP.** The following items are included in the agenda:

I. Preliminary Matters
- A) Roll Call
- B) Welcome
- C) Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
- A) Review/Adoption of Agenda
- B) Review/Adoption of Minute – May 27, 2010

III. New Business
- A) Chairman's Report
- B) Chief of Parole Report
- C) Member Rose Ada-Hocog Report
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VI. Adjournment

If you have any question, please call the Parole Office at telephone number 664-3300 or 3302.

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I. Preliminary Matters
1. Call to order
2. Roll call
3. Presence of Quorum

II. Consent Items
1. Adoption of Agenda
2. Adoption of Parole Hearing Minutes – March 10 & 11, 2009

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IV. Miscellaneous
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/s/ Ramon B. Camacho August 30, 2010
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Flashback

A LOOK BACK AT PAST YEARS' HEADLINES

Sept. 2, 1999

Teno eyes more belt-tightening

Due to continuous harsh economic conditions on the island, Gov. Pedro P. Tenorio is eyeing further cost-cutting measures he has put in place over the past 20 months to boost savings of the cash-strapped government and improve delivery of services to the community. "The austerity measures really help us because we were able to reduce all the unnecessary expenses and we have to continue providing the essential needs of the public," he said in an interview. Among the critical areas that his administration plans to increase funding include the medical referral program, police and public schools, which have been asking for larger share of the government budget.

Tinian opens new courthouse

Court proceedings on Tinian can now be comfortable with the opening of a new Courthouse on the island, Supreme Court Chief Justice Miguel S. Demapan said yesterday. "For several years, we have been using an office space at the [Department of Public Safety] building for court sessions. Now, we finally have our own," Demapan said. The new Courthouse in San Jose village was formally opened during last Friday's ceremony, which, Demapan said, was almost disrupted by the cancellation of the Tinian Express ferry service. "We were supposed to send some of our people there, but many didn't make it because of the ferry service cancellation," Demapan said. The new Tinian Courthouse, which was a major CIP project on Tinian, has a single courtroom, Demapan said.

Sept. 2, 2002

Wiseman explains "lenient' decision

Amid criticisms of leniency in the sentence he imposed on two cousins who mauled to death a security officer six years ago, Superior Court Judge David A. Wiseman issued Friday a written sentence and commitment order that explained the rationale behind his decision, citing among them a function of the criminal justice system—rehabilitation. Wiseman said he considered several factors in imposing six years imprisonment on Alex and Sydney Camacho for an assault and battery charge each, even if the felony carries a maximum 10-year jail term. The prison terms were suspended, except for three years for Alex and 18 months for Sidney.

Phil consulate urges community to take part in developers open house

Philippine Consulate General Julia Heidemann urged the Northern Marianas to take part in the three-day Home Developers Open House that is currently ongoing at the Nauru Building in Susupe. Heidemann said the housing units—available in various areas in the Philippines—can also be availed of by other nationals besides overseas Filipinos on Saipan. "These units are also available to foreigners living on Saipan, as long as they do not exceed the 1,000-square meter lot requirement," explained Heidemann. During the opening of the orientation Saturday at the Nauru building, Filipinos on Saipan trooped to the Open House to inquire on available housing units in several areas in the Luzon region—Antipolo, Cavite, Pampanga, Bulacan, and Tarlac—which are all adjacent to Manila proper.

Sept. 2, 2003

House panel to focus on alleged water tampering

The Commonwealth Utilities Corp. is not yet off the hook on its alleged water test tampering as the House committee on health and welfare is poised to convene a meeting to apparently get to the bottom of the issue. "I'm bothered by that allegation. It's too serious to ignore so my committee will focus on that," said committee chairman Rep. Benjamin Seman, noting that water tampering is a federal offense. This, despite recent claims by the CUC, based on the findings by its off-island consultant, that its laboratory "has not engaged in fraudulent or deceitful conduct" as alleged by the Division of Environmental Quality.

NMI waters rich in marine life

The marine study being conducted by a team of federal and local scientists aboard the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's ship, Oscar Elton Sette, resulted in discoveries that reaffirm marine biodiversity in CNMI waters as far as the Northern Islands. A preliminary report by the team has documented coral reef fish species found in Sarigan, Zealandia Bank, and Agrihan. "Many of these species are new records for these islands, as very few previous surveys have been conducted at most of these islands. Many species were also present in the size ranges at which they recruit from the plankton, or as very young juveniles," the team said.

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EDITORIAL

Call me Ishmael

Russian Prime Minister Vladimir Putin shot a gray whale off Russia's eastern coast Wednesday—with a crossbow. Putin had joined a scientific expedition researching the species; his special arrow gathered a skin sample. That same day, President Barack Obama bought shrimp at Nancy's Restaurant on Martha's Vineyard. We ask you: Which is cooler?

This isn't the first time Putin has gone out of his way to convince Russians—and the world—that he is as ultra-macho as leaders come. Earlier this month, he co-piloted a firefighting plane and extinguished two of the blazes that have plagued Russia's forests.

In July he was photographed riding a three-wheeled Harley-Davidson. You know, one of those well-oiled, quintessentially American machines. Putin, resplendent in black jeans, black shirt, sunglasses, biker gloves and Brando swagger, called Harleys "tricked out pieces of iron" and symbols of freedom.

In 2008, he is said to have fired a tranquilizer dart into an escaped tiger, temporarily downing the animal and saving a Russian TV crew and a group of scientists from potential harm. News accounts have Putin stroking the animal's cheek and murmuring, "She'll remember us." This April he affixed an electronic tracking collar to a tranquilized polar bear on an Arctic archipelago. After helping to lift, weigh and measure the creature, he reportedly shook its paw and counseled, "Be well."

These he-man moments may be staged, but they have impact on the public psyche. Consider:

Putin and Russian President Dmitry Medvedev have been taking hits in public opinion polls. That's probably inevitable given Russia's lagging economy and the government's poor response to the wildfire crisis. Still, as of June, Putin boasted a robust 74-percent approval rating, according to Gallup pollsters. No Kremlin insider has confided that Putin's constant badassery is a popularity ploy—but then, acknowledging as much would defeat the purpose, wouldn't it?

A struggling economy and a drawn-out environmental crisis—sound familiar? Obama's approval numbers in Gallup polling now languish at 43 percent, the dreariest of his presidency. Critics smell blood in the water, and it isn't the whale's: "The longer he is president, the less presidential he has become," sniffed James W. Ceaser in The Weekly Standard.

Has swimming with dolphins and bare-chested fishing burnished Putin's image? Would wrestling a grizzly bear or skydiving into the Grand Canyon aid Obama's? Can it hurt him any more than visiting the Vineyard to eat seafood that someone else—maybe Putin himself—caught? There's one way to find out.

But no wind-surfing. Sen. John Kerry of Massachusetts can explain.

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Inceptionally Salty

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Special to the Saipan Tribune

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S.A.L.T. is the Strategic Arms Limitations Treaty that defined U.S.-USSR Cold War nuclear weapons conduct. U.S.' Obama and Russia's Medvedev signed an update last April. *Salt* is a movie with Angelina Jolie of the sultry pout currently showing at our local Hollywood theater. It's nuclear!

Finding out at summer's end that PSS' HQT staffing did not require my participation even after taking PRAXIS Social Studies for both high and middle schools and making more than a decent rating, I decided to go to the movies. *Salt* was the natural first choice, with the innocent doe-eyed picture of Brad Pitt's other half, the UN Goodwill ambassador for refugees, looking like a grown-up Bambi on a makeover who just walked into your bedroom not exactly looking for mama's comforting affection!

Not unlike the Gregory Peck portrayal of the Nazi death camp doctor Joseph Mengele in *Boys of Brazil,* where some lads of Adolf Hitler's biological pedigree were coming of age, and the good doctor wanted to create a condition similar to what brought the Austrian corporal to power so the boys can emerge from their obscurities and the Fourth Reich can rise like the Phoenix, *Salt* also has us consider a similar probability of science in the service of national arrogance.

Salt's plot revolves around a powerful Russian who trains young children to become absolutely loyal and fanatical Russian agents with the goal of destabilizing the United States by fomenting a nuclear attack on Tehran and Mecca on Day X. Angelina is Evelyn Salt, a respected CIA agent recently released from North Korean prison after admirer and later, husband, a German arachnologist relentlessly pursues a prisoner exchange.

A Russian walk-in defector Orlov reveals that a CIA mole named Evelyn Salt was set to assassinate the Russian President in NYC. In a quandary, Salt tries to contact her husband thinking he is in danger, and does a Bruce Willis "die harder" escape from Washington, D.C. to New York. There she feigns the execution of Russia's President. From NYC to the final scene with the U.S. President on the 8th floor basement of the White House where nuclear warheads are about to be launched against two of Islam's symbolic centers, a twist from corporate obedience to personal loyalty occurs, taxing credulity to the max, and Salt the agent becomes Evelyn, a woman deceived, betrayed and let down. And there hangs a tale!

The movie is still showing and it is good entertainment, if only because we seldom get the chance to be quietly sexist in the privacy of our minds in the dark and watch a refugee goodwill ambassador of dandy long legs in action. Evelyn Salt the agent, we can relate to; Evelyn Salt the heartbroken romantic, uh…next?

Inception is Leonardo DiCaprio's summer magnum opus. Viewers who missed the big screen will have to settle for the video. Entertainment would not be the word I use to describe the movie's impact, but it was certainly tiring to watch the 2 hr. 22 minute mind-trip that hitches itself to one's imagination like crazy glue.

Since Descartes formulated *cogito ergo sum,* "I think, therefore I am," our lives has increasingly existed in the mind on images we created for it, not always grounded in the reality that we can physically sense and feel. When Daniel Boorstin wrote *The Image: A Guide to Pseudo-Events in America* in 1961, pointing to the increasing influence of advertising and image-makers, he anticipated the age of the packaging of reality that has become the commercial MO of our time, even as we buy products and watch people packaged for our consumption and adoration.

The movie's plot: well, that's exactly the point, there ain't one, or rather, there is not a discernable one that readily lends itself to rational categories. My synopsis: Dom Cobb (DiCaprio) steals valuable secrets from the subconscious during dream state, a thief in the art of extraction. Cobb also tragically made himself a fugitive in the plane of legal accountability, at the cost of everything he loves. Now Cobb has a chance at redemption doing the reverse, inception, the injection of an idea into someone's subconscious in a state of dream. Watching someone's dream invariably leads one to one's own, and there lies the horror and the terror of it all. The deception, illusion, heartbreak and guilt is too humanly familiar!

Those who revel in mind trips would find this movie engaging. Former sci-fis portrayed parallel universes, e.g., *Back to the Future*; the journey of *Inception* is about dreaming a dream within a dream within a dream, like drones having a life of their own in deepening levels of consciousness controlled by a dreamer, ad infinitum. The movie affirms what we already experience, that the world of our feelings and thoughts are just as real as the world of our senses.

Our present worlds of intense physical stimulation, and our inner world of psychological simulation converged in the altering of consciousness indulged in by trailblazers of the 60s. Unfortunately, the pharmacological dependence of our age has created a widespread reliance on drugs to stimulate and simulate euphoria. Saipan on ice, we are now finding out, is not about quenching our summertime thirst.

For now, I will stay aboveboard and stick with the senses, the natural way. We will see no movies for a while, that is, until Salt returns for episode two, of course.

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Conquer your Goliath

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A few weeks ago in a Sunday School class that I teach, we talked about the story of David and Goliath. It's one of the great passages in that Old Testament that tells about the turning point in David's life that made him a hero and helped shape his destiny and that of Israel's.

Many of us face challenges that we feel are too large to overcome. Some of the challenges facing the Commonwealth seem almost impossible against powers that feel like Goliath. Here are five key points from David's example to help you face your personal challenges or conquer any threat your organization is facing.

1. You must be confident that you can overcome any challenge, no matter how large. David was the youngest of Jesse's eight sons and it was his job to feed the family's sheep. One day his father asked David to deliver some food to his three older brothers who followed King Saul of Israel into battle against the Philistines. When he arrived at their camp, he saw the armies facing each other across the valley of Elah. Each day a massive man, who stood almost 10 feet tall, would come out and challenge any man in the Israelite army to battle with him. The winner of the fight would have the other army become their servants. It was the 40th day that Goliath had come out to taunt and frighten Israel, but the first time that David observed it. While others stood in fear, David's response is classic: "…who is this uncircumcised Philistine, that he should defy the armies of the living God?"

David didn't see a giant who could easily slay any man, he saw a tormentor that mocked the armies of the God of Israel and who needed to be removed. When the words of David reached the King, Saul sent for him and David told the King: "Let no man's heart fail because of him; thy servant will go and fight with the Philistine."

2. Don't allow your lack of credentials or experience stop you from moving forward. King Saul pointed out the obvious, that David was too young and untested in war. David had never fought in a battle, nor held any military rank or credentials. Yes, David was confident, but the King and others were not just allowing this overconfident youth to foolishly go against Goliath, they had to trust in him to be their champion, because the loser would obligate the entire army to become the servants to the army of the winner.

David was totally confident that he could meet this challenge and succeed. His incredible faith and trust in the Lord overcame any fear or doubt that caused other men to shrink. You may not have all the credentials that a job or position lists as important, but you should not let that stop you. Many of the best leaders started out with no experience, but they had tremendous confidence in their ability to get the job done. That confidence spreads to others and creates internal enthusiasm and momentum.

3. Use your past successes, no matter how small, to conquer your current challenges. David countered the concern of King Saul and others by telling them a story about how both a lion and a bear took lambs out of his father's flock, and David pursued them and killed them to save the lambs. He reasoned that even though Goliath is a man, his past success against a lion and bear was adequate proof that he could succeed against the Philistine giant.

You should take advantage of every opportunity to improve yourself professionally. Learn new hobbies, volunteer to try new things at work, or get involved in clubs or groups that will help you learn new skills. Those skills can be developed and used to overcome new challenges. Be sure to document your training and skills with certificates, references and letters of recommendation that can be shared with others.

4. Hit the ground running. Goliath was condescending toward his much smaller adversary and in distain he said: "Come to me, and I will give thy flesh unto the fowls of the air, and to the beasts of the field."

David showed absolutely no fear of Goliath and countered him by foretelling his fate. When Goliath arose in anger to meet him, David ran across the valley of Elah to attack the Philistine giant. As he got closer, he slung a stone that hit Goliath in his forehead, and to the dismay of both armies, Goliath fell on his face to the ground.

Once you start working on your challenge, put your whole effort into it. Don't hesitate or allow others to slow you down. It's important to get off to a fast start and sustain your momentum so that it carries yourself and others toward your desired results.

5. Don't stop until you've finished the job—persist until you succeed. David had only brought a sling and some stones into battle, and when Goliath fell to the ground, the work was not over yet. If Goliath was only unconscious, he could recover and remain a threat to others. David ran and stood on the giant, then took Goliath's sword out of his sheath and cut off his head. When the Philistine's saw their champion was dead, they ran in fear from the pursuing Israelite army.

Too often, people start a project with gusto, but when the going gets tough they hesitate and often don't finish it. Be consistent and persistent in your efforts to see a job through until it's complete.

You may be facing challenges that seem insurmountable at the moment. Unfortunately, the biggest Goliath for some people is the challenge they create in their imagination. The constant fear and worry over finances, love relationships, or other issues can cause those concerns to grow into huge obstacles that seem unconquerable. The very act of focusing on the problem rather than the solution can create a self-fulfilling prophecy that brings to pass the very thing one wants to avoid. Face your Goliath with courage, confidence, and persistence and more than half the battle will be won.

"…the Lord saveth not with sword and spear; for the battle is the Lord's, and he will give you into our hands." – David to Goliath (I Samuel 17: 47)

Letters to the Editor

Sept. 2, 1945: VJ Day

Sixty-five years ago today representatives of Emperor Hirohito signed surrender documents aboard the USS *Missouri* in Tokyo Harbor, bringing to an end Japan's 14-year-old war for the conquest of Asia. The surrender would not have happened at that time had it not been for America's amazing development of the atomic bomb, President Harry Truman's willingness to use it—and the entry of Russia into the war.

In an article written to coincide with this year's anniversary of Emperor Hirohito's Aug. 15, 1945, announcement that he would accept the Allied demand for unconditional surrender, Associated Press writer Slobodan Lekic trumpeted conclusions reached by University of California, Berkeley historian Tsuyoshi Hasegawa in his 2005 book *Racing the Enemy: Stalin, Truman, and the Surrender of Japan*, where Hasegawa claims that it was Russia's entry into the war rather than the dropping of the atomic bombs that forced Hirohito's decision.

Lekic also quotes Terry Charman, senior historian at the Imperial War Museum in London, who agrees with Hasegawa, and American historian Frank Herbert (*Operation Downfall*), who disagrees.

The problem with Lekic's analysis is that he failed to do primary research before publishing his article. While quoting a statement made by Kantaro Suzuki, then Prime Minster of Japan, on Aug. 9, the day Russia began Operation August Storm, he failed acknowledge that Suzuki had first called a cabinet meeting to discuss surrender on Aug. 7, the morning after Little Boy was dropped on Hiroshima. And he fails to mention that it was the dropping of the atomic bomb on Aug. 6, that caused Premier Joseph Stalin to advance the operational date for August Storm from Aug. 15 to Aug. 9.

Lekic also failed to note that when Imperial Army Vice Chief of Staff Torashiro Kawabe first heard the news about the Russian invasion of Manchuria on Aug. 9, he had a plan in hand to deal with the problem. He proposed that the Kwantung Army should be withdrawn from Manchuria to southern Korea, in order to establish a strong defensive position to block a Russian invasion of the homeland, across the Straits of Tsushima. "If necessary," he added, "we will change the government and the Army and Navy will take charge." War Minister General Anami said he would stand firm at the Supreme Council meeting (called for that day) for continuing the war and implied that he was receptive to Kawabe's ideas. "I'll take your opinion as representative of the entire Army General Staff," said Anami. Should such a firm stance lead Anami to resign as war minister, the cabinet would automatically be dissolved and a military dictatorship would have resulted. In other words, the Japanese army leadership had a plan to deal with the Russian intervention.

Admiral Toyoda, Chief of the Naval General Staff, believed the Americans could not possibly have enough radioactive material for more than one bomb and that the war should continue. Then, at 11:30am on Aug. 9, during a meeting of Supreme Council for the conduct of the war and in the presence of Emperor Hirohito, word was received that another atomic bomb had been dropped, this time on Nagasaki. The Japanese military leadership then admitted they had no method to defend against continued atomic attacks. The meeting adjourned with the clear understanding that Japan would have to surrender.

Finally, when Hirohito's statement of Aug. 15 was broadcast to the Japanese public, advising them of his decision to accept the Allied demand for unconditional surrender, he never mentioned the Russian entry into the war. However, he did state, "Moreover, the enemy has begun to employ a new and most cruel bomb, the power of which to do damage is indeed incalculable, taking the toll of many innocent lives." This was a justification for surrender that both the civilian and military factions could accept.

Hasegawa uses the Russian entry into the war to continue the long-held Japanese position that the bombs were unnecessary and therefore unjustified. He fails to acknowledge the fundamental fact that it was the Hiroshima bomb that sparked Russian entry into the war into the war on Aug. 9 and it was the second bomb that convinced Hirohito and the "war faction" that the war had to be stopped before another bomb was dropped. Apparently Lekic's liked Hasegawa's book, as I did, but failed to research the subject further before writing. Russian entry into the war was important to Japan's decision to surrender, but it, alone, did not have the critical mass necessary to effectuate peace. Two atomic bombs did.

Don A. Farrell
Marpo Heights, Tinian

Who is Michael Steele?

I already knew who Michael Steele was when I read that he was coming to Saipan but I didn't realize that so many people who vote didn't know who he was until I asked them what they thought about him coming to the CNMI. I think it is important and even prudent that all voters know who Michael Steele is and the implications of his visit to our beautiful island.

Michael Steele is the National Republican Party chairman, the most powerful Republican in America! If you want to run for the presidency of the United States as a Republican you will need Michael Steele's blessings. Michael Steele is an African-American and I understand why Mr. Bennett is so vocal because the implications of the National GOP supporting Juan N. Babauta are off the scale compared to our political power in the past and presently in Washington. There are literally hundreds of GOP members in the U. S. Congress and for all of them to support our delegate and the CNMI is an indisputable fact that we must seriously consider as voters.

I don't want to get into a shouting match in the paper over candidates which is why I am only saying *seriously consider* the revelation of Michael Steele and the National GOP's support because it is big and important for our future. Think about the CNMI not having to beg in Congress like we did in the past. Seriously think about how important it is for the CNMI to be as productive as possible in Washington and who is in the best position to get what we need and even want. Seriously consider the enormous political power of the national GOP and how that power can be used to help the CNMI. I'm really convinced the only thing better than having the national GOP supporting our delegate would be getting a vote in the U. S. Congress and that might even be possible under the scenario with the GOP supporting our delegate.

I must admit that my interest in the delegate race has peaked with the national GOP getting involved in the CNMI. I'm glad and appreciative of any local politician with the skills to muster the support of the national party. The political help of the national GOP for the CNMI that Mr. Babauta has secured in Washington as a candidate deserves kudos and I hope all voters will seriously consider what Michael Steele's visit and the support of the National GOP means for the sake of the Commonwealth future in Washington.

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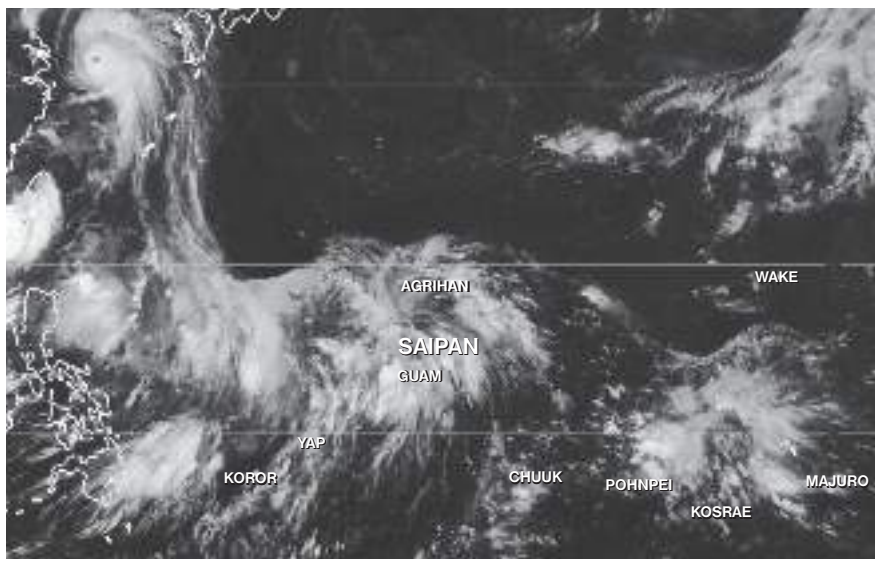
Salem	Showers	▲69	▼54
San Francisco	Sunny	▲85	▼64
Seoul	Thunderstorms	▲82	▼75
Tokyo	Mostly Cloudy	▲91	▼77
Washington, DC	Sunny	▲95	▼74

Tides

Saipan Harbor

7:37 AM	Today	Low Tide:	0.1 Feet
3:09 PM	Today	High Tide:	1.5 Feet
7:34 PM	Today	Low Tide:	1.3 Feet

Yesterday's Satellite Image



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Western North Pacific between equator and 25N from 130E to 180.

A monsoon trough extends east-southeastward from a weak circulation at 16N133E to another weak circulation center west of Guam at 14N142E and then turns northeastward along the Marianas to end near 19N147E. Scattered showers and a few thunderstorms are found across the Philippine Sea and the CNMI within an area bounded by a line from 14N130E to 10N140E to 15N152E to 20N147E to 20N130E back to 14N130E. Low-level convergence is triggering scattered showers west of Koror or west of a line from 11N132E to 6N132E. A surface trough near Chuuk extends southwestward from 9N152E to 4N150E. Scattered showers are found within 80 miles of the trough axis. Another trough north of Pohnpei extends southwestward from 14N167E to 7N159E. Scattered showers and isolated thunderstorms are found near Pohnpei within 125 miles of the trough axis. A trade-wind disturbance is causing similar weather across the Marshall Islands between 5N and 12N from 164E to 169E.

Sunrise/Sunset

Today	6:05 AM	6:29 PM
Friday	6:05 AM	6:28 PM
Saturday	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Sunday	6:05 AM	6:27 PM
Monday	6:05 AM	6:27 PM

Moonrise/Moonset

Today		12:52 PM
Friday	12:21 AM	1:49 PM
Saturday	1:21 AM	2:44 PM
Sunday	2:23 AM	3:38 PM
Monday	3:26 AM	4:29 PM

FLIGHT SCHEDULE AS OF SEPTEMBER 1, 2010

DEPARTURES

ROTA (ROP)-GUAM

C09597	5:00am	5:30am	1, 5

SAIPAN-GUAM

C09317	4:25am	5:15am	Daily
C09313	8:30am	9:20am	Daily
C09601	12:10pm	1:00pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09603	3:05pm	3:55pm	Daily
C09605	6:35pm	7:25pm	Daily
C09599	9:35pm	10:25pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NARITA (NRT)

DL287	6:00am	8:35am	Daily
DL297	3:20pm	5:55pm	Daily
DL289	4:35pm	7:10pm	Daily

SAIPAN-NAGOYA

DL640	7:40am	10:20am	Daily

SAIPAN-BUSAN (PUS)

OZ608	3:20am	6:50am	1, 5

SAIPAN-SEOUL (ICN)

OZ604	2:20am	6:00am	1
OZ604	2:50am	6:30am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7
OZ119	4:00am	11:20am	Daily via KIX
OZ606	3:30pm	7:00pm	2, 4, 6, 7

SAIPAN-SHANGHAI (PVG)

FM844	2:50am	5:40am	2, 6

SAIPAN-MANILA (MNL)

OZ604/701	2:20am	11:25am	1 via ICN
OZ604/701	2:50am	11:25am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09317/891	4:25am	9:45am	6 via GUM
DL287/173	6:00am	10:10pm	Daily via NRT
DL640/629	7:40am	10:35pm	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
C09603/933	3:05pm	8:40pm	Daily via GUM
C09603/893	3:05pm	9:10pm	3, 5 via GUM-Palau
C09599/PR111	9:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM

SAIPAN-HONG KONG

OZ604/721	2:20am	11:45am	1 via ICN
OZ604/721	2:50am	11:45am	2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 via ICN
C09603/909	3:05pm	9:30pm	1, 5 via GUM

ARRIVALS

GUAM-ROTA (ROP)

C09598	6:30pm	7:00pm	4, 7

GUAM-SAIPAN

C09316	2:45am	3:35am	Daily
C09596	7:00am	7:50am	Daily
C09600	10:05am	10:55am	Daily
C09602	1:40pm	2:30pm	1, 4, 5, 7
C09604	5:10pm	6:00pm	Daily
C09606	8:10pm	9:00pm	Daily

NARITA (NRT)-SAIPAN

DL290	9:45am	2:20pm	Daily
DL298	10:25am	3:00pm	Daily
DL288	8:40pm	1:10am+1	Daily

NAGOYA-SAIPAN

DL641	9:10pm	1:40am+1	Daily

BUSAN (PUS)-SAIPAN

OZ607	9:00pm	2:20am+1	4, 7

SEOUL (ICN)-SAIPAN

OZ605	9:00am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7
OZ120	7:10pm	2:20am+1	Daily via KIX
OZ603	7:40pm	1:10am+1	7
OZ603	8:10pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6

SHANGHAI (PVG)-SAIPAN

FM843	7:15pm	1:50am+1	1, 5

MANILA (MNL)-SAIPAN

OZ704/605	12:10am	2:30pm	2, 4, 6, 7 via ICN
DL630/641	6:30am	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7 via NGO
DL172/288	7:40am	1:10am+1	Daily via NRT
C0890/9606	10:55am	9:00pm	6 via GUM
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
OZ702/603	12:45pm	1:40am+1	1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 via ICN
PR110/C09596	10:00pm	7:50am+1	1, 3, 5, 6, 7 via GUM
C0892/9596	10:10pm	7:50am+1	3,5 via GUM-Palau
C0934/9596	10:55pm	7:50am+1	Daily via GUM

HONG KONG-SAIPAN

OZ724/605	12:30am	2:30pm	2 ,4 ,6, 7 via ICN
OZ722/603	1:15pm	1:10am+1	7 via ICN
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C0910/9596	10:35pm	7:50am+1	1, 5 via GUM

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Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
Guam–Rota			
FRE 100	7:30	8:00	Daily
Rota–Saipan			
FRE 100	8:20	8:50	Daily
Guam–Rota			
FRE 300	17:00	17:30	Daily
Rota–Saipan	17:50	18:20	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 200	9:30	10:00	Daily
Rota–Guam	10:20	10:45	Daily
Saipan–Rota			
FRE 400	18:55	19:25	Daily
Rota–Guam			
FRE 400	19:40	20:10	Daily
Saipan–Tinian			
FRE 101	6:45	6:55	Daily
FRE 103	7:30	7:40	Daily
FRE 105	8:00	8:10	Daily
FRE 107	8:40	8:50	Daily
FRE 109	9:10	9:20	Daily
FRE 111	10:45	10:55	Daily

Airline	ETD	ETA	Frequency
FRE 113	11:40	11:50	Daily
FRE 115	13:00	13:10	Daily
FRE 117	14:30	14:40	Daily
FRE 119	16:00	16:10	Daily
FRE 121	16:40	16:50	Daily
FRE 123	17:40	17:50	Daily
FRE 125	18:30	18:40	Daily
Tinian–Saipan			
FRE 102	7:05	7:15	Daily
FRE 104	7:50	8:00	Daily
FRE 106	8:20	8:30	Daily
FRE 108	9:00	9:10	Daily
FRE 110	10:00	10:10	Daily
FRE 112	11:05	11:15	Daily
FRE 114	12:00	12:10	Daily
FRE 116	13:30	13:40	Daily
FRE 118	14:50	15:00	Daily
FRE 120	16:20	16:30	Daily
FRE 122	17:00	17:10	Daily
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SPECIAL FEATURE

65th anniversary of the end of World War II

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The following personal account of the end of the war was given to me long ago and I cannot recall the letter writer's name or the circumstances by which it came to me. The writer's observations are interesting as he recounts the relief experienced at the conclusion of hostilities in the Pacific.

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An overview of the USS *Missouri* (BB-63) during surrender ceremonies, in Tokyo Bay, Japan, Sept. 2, 1945.

U.S. NATIONAL ARCHIVES

U.S. Army General Douglas MacArthur (seated at table) during Japanese-surrender ceremony on board the U.S.S. *Missouri*, in Tokyo Bay, September 1945.

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”At 0635 on Aug. 15, 1945 the dispatch to cease offensive operations against the Japanese was received by American warships in the Pacific. The war, which had been waged for 1,346 days, was over. Members of the ship’s company fortunate enough to get rides flew over Japan in the rear seats of Grumman Avengers and saw all the bombed out and fire-seared ruins of Tokyo, which resembled a burned-over forest area, chimneys sticking up like forlorn, charred trunks. They saw the tidy, green countryside with Japanese working peacefully in their fields and paddies and wondered that such small people, in such a small country could ever have aspired to defeat the United States. They zoomed along at 50 feet above the beaches with 10-year-olds throwing rocks and mothers grabbing children to bundle them away from foreign barbarians.

“Peace brought strange sights with it, and none seemed stranger than to look out at night and see other ships lighted up—carriers and battleships and cruisers and destroyers—so that the fleet looked like a city afloat.

“Peace meant that the hangar deck curtains could be up for the movies at night, and one could look out and see the moon across the water and feel fresh air blowing through the ship. It meant plain language instead of codes on the air, smoking on the upper decks at night, and a strange sense of something missing when the announcement came—”Sunset”—lacking the familiar “Darken ship” that followed as inevitably as “eggs” after “ham.” It meant no General Quarters each morning before dawn, and no censoring of mail. It didn’t mean going home yet, nor did it mean going into port, though we had been out over 70 days, a new record of continuous operation of the ship. At last, negotiations were all completed, and eventually our ship steamed through Sagami Wan (Bay) and dropped anchor in Tokyo Bay.”

As for the surrender ceremonies aboard the battleship USS *Missouri* anchored in Tokyo Bay on the morning of Sept. 2, 1945, naval historian Rear Admiral Samuel Eliot Morison recorded the historic event:

“Shortly before 0900 the Japanese delegation arrived aboard ship. Foreign Minister Mamoru Shigemitsu and General Yoshijiro Umezu, Chief of Army General Staff, were followed by three representatives each from the Japanese Foreign Office, Army and Navy. The civilians were in formal morning attired with top hats. This was in contrast to the khaki uniforms with open neck shirts worn by U.S. Army and Navy flag and general officers who were assembled to witness the formal surrender. At the rear of an ordinary mess table covered with a green baize cloth upon which the English and Japanese language Surrender Documents had been placed. The representatives of the Allied Nations stood waiting for MacArthur to commence the ceremony.

“The Japanese expressed no emotion as they stood waiting several minutes for General MacArthur’s arrival on deck, during which time the ship’s chaplain spoke an invocation over the loudspeaker, followed by a recording of the *Star-Spangled Banner*.

“General MacArthur arrived accompanied by Admirals Nimitz and Halsey and took his place before the microphones and opened the proceedings. MacArthur’s speech was short, stating the purpose of the occasion and concluding with an expression of hope for peace in the future. He then invited the Japanese representatives to sign the Document of Surrender at the places indicated, to then be followed by signatures from representative of the Allied powers.

“After all had signed, MacArthur spoke: ‘Let us pray that peace be now restored to the world and that God will preserve it always. These proceedings are closed.’”

“The formalities were concluded at 0925 after which the Allied representatives assembled in Halsey’s flag cabin where he had nothing to offer in celebration except coffee and doughnuts.

“Five-star Admiral Nimitz revoked four-star Admiral Halsey’s previous order to the captain of the destroyer Lansdowne DD486, which was to return the Japanese to shore and not to offer coffee, cigarettes or other courtesies to the Japanese delegation. The Japanese were to receive the customary naval honors as they approached the gangway to depart in order to symbolize the fact that they were no longer enemies.”

MacArthur would serve as the Supreme Commander Allied Powers over the occupation of Japan for a period of five and one-half years until relieved of command by President Truman on April 11, 1951, during the height of the Korean conflict. He was relieved of command for insubordination following his issuance of a series of unauthorized statements in direct conflict with official U.S. policy.

In the years between 1945 and 1951, while serving as the Supreme Commander in Japan, he transformed the Japanese government in profound and lasting ways.

The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese government to rule the state was subordinate to him as Supreme Commander of the Allied Powers, even though he exercised his control over Japan through the structure of the Japanese government. He was instructed by the President and the Joint Chiefs to exercise his supreme authority through the Emperor and Japanese government machinery. The policy was to use the existing form of government in Japan, not to support it. MacArthur was specifically ordered not to remove the Emperor or take any steps toward his removal without prior consultation with and advice issued through the Joint Chiefs of Staff.

To implement the many reforms too numerous to mention in the space available, he was assisted in the task by about 2,200 American administrators, secretaries, chauffeurs—(other than those in the occupation army) who were to govern 83 million Japanese (a ratio of 1: 37,700). MacArthur abolished the Imperial General Headquarters and discredited the former military; he conducted war crimes trials; ended feudalism and drastically curtailed ancient privilege; abolished the system of indentured or forced labor; abolished nobility; did away with peerage (except for a few members of the Imperial family); liberated women, enacted full and free women’s suffrage, promoted advanced labor legislation; provided education for 19 million students within 42,000 schools requiring 650,000 teachers.

A wide expansion of social services was undertaken: birth control, public health (revaccination of the entire population). On two occasions every human being in Japan was vaccinated. Twice, the medical service administered inoculations to about 80 million people. Smallpox was eliminated as a health problem. Cholera completely disappeared. Fifty million Japanese were dusted with DDT, diphtheria was reduced 86 percent, typhoid and para-typhoid was also reduced. Other efforts increased rice production, imposed steep taxation on the rich, and enacted a habeas corpus law.

MacArthur abolished the state religion of Shinto, which taught the individual human being did not count, but that everything was subservient to the state. He ordered the breakup of the great family monopolies—the zaibatsu—big holding companies, and industrial combinations.

Criticism of MacArthur was illegal and forbidden from the first days of the occupation. Nor was the occupation organization itself subject to the new Japanese constitution. There were

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General Hsu Yung-chang signs the Instrument of Surrender on behalf of the Republic of China, on board USS *Missouri* (BB-63), 2 September 1945.

U.S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

INSTRUMENT OF SURRENDER

We, acting by command of and in behalf of the Emperor of Japan, the Japanese Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters, hereby accept the provisions set forth in the declaration issued by the heads of the Governments of the United States, China and Great Britain on 26 July 1945 at Potsdam, and subsequently adhered to by the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics, which four powers are hereafter referred to as the Allied Powers.

We hereby proclaim the unconditional surrender to the Allied Powers of the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters and of all Japanese armed forces and all armed forces under Japanese control wherever situated.

We hereby command all Japanese forces wherever situated and the Japanese people to cease hostilities forthwith, to preserve and save from damage all ships, aircraft, and military and civil property and to comply with all requirements which may be imposed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by agencies of the Japanese Government at his direction.

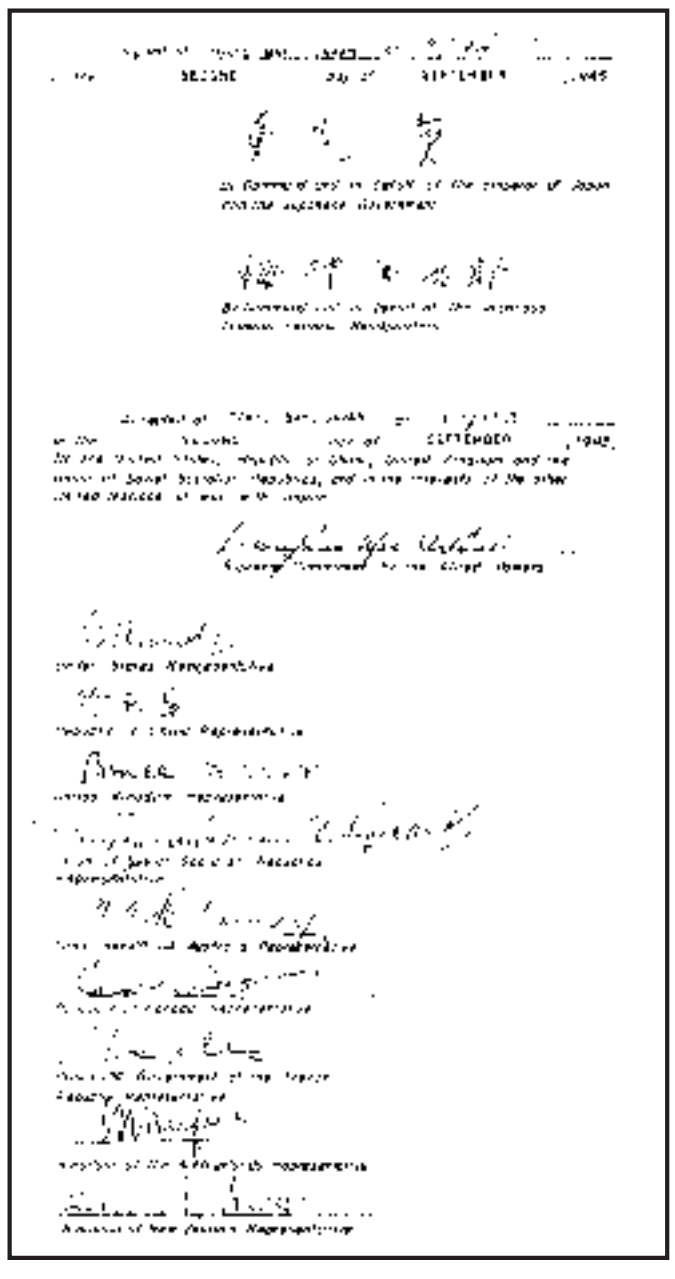
We hereby command the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters to issue at once orders to the Commanders of all Japanese forces and all forces under Japanese control wherever situated to surrender unconditionally themselves and all forces under their control.

We hereby command all civil, military and naval officials to obey and enforce all proclamations, orders and directives deemed by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be proper to effectuate this surrender and issued by him or under his authority and we direct all such officials to remain at their posts and to continue to perform their non-combatant duties unless specifically relieved by him or under his authority.

We hereby undertake for the Emperor, the Japanese Government and their successors to carry out the provisions of the Potsdam Declaration in good faith, and to issue whatever orders and take whatever action may be required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers or by any other designated representative of the Allied Powers for the purpose of giving effect to that Declaration.

We hereby command the Japanese Imperial Government and the Japanese Imperial General Headquarters at once to liberate all allied prisoners of war and civilian internees now under Japanese control and to provide for their protection, care, maintenance and immediate transportation to places as directed.

The authority of the Emperor and the Japanese Government to rule the state shall be subject to the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers who will take such steps as he deems proper to effectuate these terms of surrender.



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two laws in Japan—their law and ours.

It was also illegal for American members of MacArthur's headquarters to criticize the occupation. He dismembered the Japanese military, established the rate of exchange of the yen at 360 to one U.S. dollar. It was reform, reform, reform from bottom to top. He also ordered the repatriation of Japanese military isolated on far-flung outposts in Asia and the Pacific islands.

Repatriation of Japanese military from islands

When Japan surrendered, Japanese military personnel were not referred to as "prisoners of war" (POW), since hostilities had been concluded. Rather, they were "disarmed military personnel" (DMP's).

For months prior to the termination of the war, all American agencies concerned continued to discuss the subject of repatriation in the Pacific and the decision was announced as part of the "Proclamation Defining Terms of Surrender For Japan," established at the Potsdam Conference in Germany after the conclusion of hostilities in Europe.

The pertinent section stated: "The Japanese military forces, after being completely disarmed, shall be permitted to return to their homes with the opportunity to lead peaceful and productive lives."

The responsibilities of the U.S. Repatriation Units were to: (a) Guard, protect and gainfully employ Japanese subjects held awaiting repatriation on Guam, Saipan and Truk; (b) Protect U.S. and native personnel and property from any act of violence which may be instituted individually or collectively by Japanese subjects on Guam, Saipan and Truk; (c) Treat Japanese subjects on Guam, Saipan and Truk humanely and fairly while awaiting repatriation in accordance with the provisions of the Geneva Convention, the Potsdam Agreement and Field Manual 27 -10, (Rules of Land Warfare); (d) Take such action as may be deemed appropriate to prevent or quell subversive action of any sort by Japanese subjects on Guam, Saipan and Truk.

Japanese letters to General MacArthur

In the world's long history of military occupations, there has never been a people who corresponded with such intensity with their foreign rulers as did the Japanese with MacArthur. Why did this phenomenon occur?

Author Sodei Rinjiro, MacArthur's Japanese biographer, observes, "To begin with, as devastating and traumatic as the Japanese defeat was, the end of the war represented a new beginning. In Japan the occupying forces were identified as a "liberation army."

The emotion of being freed from Japanese militarism, including the discrediting of the former leadership as well as relief of a war whose final months were marked by massive destruction and civilian causalities, engendered feelings of affinity and trust toward the occupying forces.

When the oppressive burden of "thought control" imposed by the military and secret police was completely banned, the people were suddenly free to express themselves—and many seized the opportunity.

Over 500,000 letters were written to MacArthur between 1945 and 1952. The vast majority of the correspondence expressed unreserved support for the occupation and its goals, coupled with a thorough repudiation of the Japanese war effort and its military and political leaders. From all over Japan, men and women, old and young, everyone from farmers and housewives to former soldiers and members of the Communist party unburdened themselves to their foreign rulers.

No Japanese leader at war's end offered any real vision for creating a new Japan out of the ruins of the old. It became MacArthur's destiny to do this, and he possessed the absolute authority to wed his words to action.

The Japanese delegation receives honors as they depart USS *Missouri* (BB-63) at the conclusion of the surrender ceremonies, 2 September 1945. General Yoshijiro Umezu is in the center, saluting. Photographed by Lieutenant Barrett Gallagher, USNR, from atop *Missouri*'s forward 16-inch gun turret. Note photographers on platforms in the background, band in the lower left and "seahorse" insignia on the shoulder by the Marine in lower right.

U.S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

As the Cold War intensified, U.S. occupation policy underwent a partial "reverse course" and shifted from reform to the reconstruction of Japan as an economic and military ally.

Several excerpts from letters to General MacArthur follow as translated and published by Rinirjo, Sodei, professor emeritus, Hosel University, Tokyo, in *Dear General MacArthur - Letters from Japanese During the American Occupation*, Rowman & Littlefield Publishers:

Oct. 20, 1945: "There are countless people in Japan who respect the general's great loving heart. I believe there are no more troubled hearts now. By losing the war, how much our minds have eased. This is the truth."

"General you have become the number one leader in the world and we revere you."—Name omitted.

Dec. 7, 1945: "We are determined not to utter one word of complaint despite any hardship, but the one thing we cannot endure is any misfortune visited upon the emperor. No matter how small the misfortune, we cannot stand it."—Ito Taka.

Feb. 18, 1946: "It is with great reluctance that I write to ask you, for the sake of Japan's future and our descendents, to please make Japan a colony of the United States. For the sake of all Japanese and our descendents, I believe that the future of Japan will be brighter under American control." —Shiomi Kitaro (seal)

"Now for the first time, through the occupation forces, the people of Japan have come to know how fine your country is, and we deeply regret provoking a reckless war against a country as great as yours. As our respect for your country increases steadily, we are convinced that yours is the only country to which Japan's future can be entrusted. "This respect is growing deeper and deeper, and with it is the feeling that only your country can rescue Japan from its destitution, only your country can help this miserable Japan prosper as it once did." —Name omitted.

The occupation ended on April 28, 1952, a year after MacArthur left Japan.

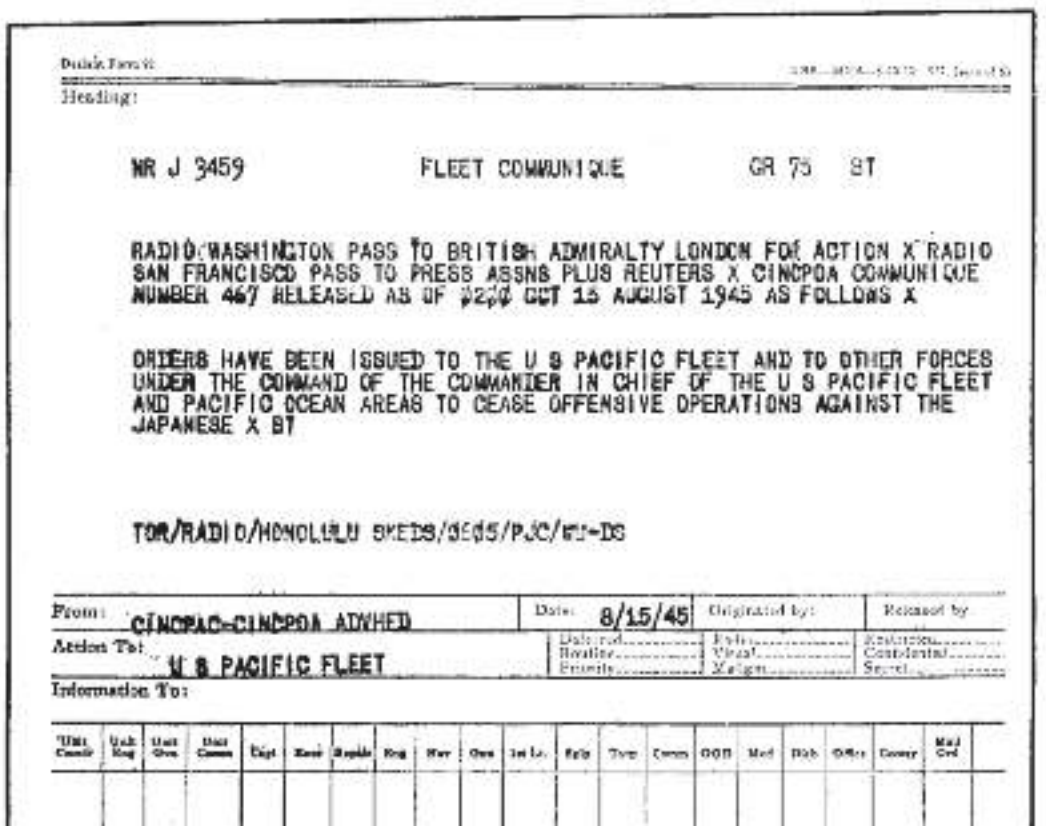
Someone once said history is to a nation what memory is to a person. The day he left Japan, tens of thousands lined the streets leading to the airport to witness his last moments on Japanese soil. Their sentiments were captured in posters written in English displayed among the crowds: "With deepest regret," "Goodbye General MacArthur—We still love you."

"A postcard sent several days earlier captured the mood: Dear General MacArthur, Thank you for your great achievements in Japan and Asia. I will remember you forever. And I wish you good health. Yours sincerely, A Japanese."

Considering the high esteem in which MacArthur was held by vast numbers of Japanese and the adoration heaped upon him, the Japanese government passed a cabinet resolution designating MacArthur a "lifetime guest." There was a plan to build a General MacArthur Memorial initiated in Tokyo. A campaign to raise funds to build a statue commemorating his achievements was also begun.

All these efforts were aborted when MacArthur, testifying before the U.S. Senate, described the Japanese as being "like a boy of 12 in terms of the cultural and political maturity within Japan's society and government."

The statement was seen in Japan as a stunning slap in the face, an insult that made any further thought of commemorating the general unimaginable.



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Japanese credentials authorizing them to sign on behalf of the Emperor

Translation of Foreign Minister Shiegemitsu's credentials for presentation to General MacArthur authorizing the Minister to sign the surrender document on behalf of Emperor Hirohito:

"By the Grace of Heaven, Emperor of Japan, seated on the Throne occupied by the same Dynasty changeless through ages eternal,

"To all who these Presents shall come, Greeting!

"We do hereby authorize Mamoru Shigemitsu, Zyosanmi, First Class of the Imperial Order of the Rising Sun, to attach his signature by command and in behalf of Ourselves and Our Government unto the Instrument of Surrender which is required by the Supreme Commander for the Allied Powers to be signed.

"In witness whereof, We have hereunto set Our signature and caused the Great Seal of the Empire to be affixed.

"Given at Our Palace in Tokyo, this first day of the ninth month of the twentieth year of Showa, being the two thousand six hundred and fifth year from the Accession of the Emperor Zinmu.

| Seal of the Empire |

Signed: HIROHITO
Countersigned: Naruhiko-o, Prime Minister

A cursory look at the economics of the Pacific conflict

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By the time World War II formally began in 1939 in Europe, and informally in China in 1937, the United States had been in the grips of the Great Depression for almost 10 years. One result of the Depression was to introduce a lot of "slack" into the U.S. economy. Many U.S. workers were either unemployed (10 million in 1939) or underemployed, and the nation's industrial base had tremendous idle capacity.

To a militaristic Japan, America must have appeared soft and unprepared for a major war. The Japanese opened the war under a flawed national strategy based on the premise that the war with the United States would be a short one.

Japan's successes in its war with Russia in the early 1900s, and China in the 1930s and the fact that Japan's own economy was superheating as the result of unhealthy levels of military spending—28 percent of national income in 1937— probably filled the Japanese with a misplaced sense of economic and military superiority over their larger Pacific adversary.

However, a dispassionate observer would also note a few important facts. America, even in the midst of a crippling depression, according to data from the *World War II: A Statistical Survey*" still had almost twice the population of Japan; seventeen times Japan's national income; five times more steel production; seven times more coal production and eighty times the automobile production.

America also had some hidden advantages that were not registered directly in production figures. U.S. factories were, on average, more modern and automated than those in Europe and Japan. The per capita productivity of the American worker was the highest in the world. Furthermore, as author Paul Kennedy points out, the United States was more than willing to utilize American women in the war effort—a tremendous advantage that the Axis Powers seem not to have grasped until very late in the conflict.

The net result of all these fac-

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tors meant that even in the depths of the Depression, American war-making potential was still around seven times larger than Japan's, and had the 'slack' been taken out in 1939, it was closer to nine or 10 times as great.

When the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor in December 1941, the majority of America's war-making potential was slated for use against Germany. By mid-1942, even before U.S. force of arms was being dramatically felt globally, American factories were beginning to have a material effect in the war's progress. The U.S. churned out seemingly endless quantities of equipment and provisions that were then funneled to not only our own forces but to those of Great Britain and the USSR as well.

By 1944, most of the other powers in the war, though still producing furiously, were beginning to max out their economies as their production was near their output plateau. This resulted from destruction of industrial bases and constriction of resource pools (in the case of Germany and Japan), or through sheer exhaustion of manpower (in the case of Great Britain and, to an extent, the USSR). By contrast, the United States suffered from none of these difficulties and, as a consequence, its economy grew at an annual rate of 15 percent throughout the war years and near war's end in 1945, the U.S. accounted for over 50 percent of total global gross production.

Photographed looking forward from USS *Missouri*'s superstructure. Note the relaxed stance of most of those around the surrender table. The larger ship in the right distance is USS *Ancon* (AGC-4).

U.S. NAVY PHOTOGRAPH

American naval power was unprecedented. In fact, by 1945 the U.S. Navy was larger than every other navy in the world combined. The Pacific War was also very much a war of merchant shipping in that practically everything needed to defend and/or assault the various island outposts of the Japanese Empire had to be transported across vast stretches of ocean. The United States built more merchant shipping in the first four and a half months of 1943 than Japan put in the water in seven years.

Air supremacy was vital in ensuring that the enemy's island bases could be reduced and captured. A large part of the American aircraft production totaling some 97,810 units was composed of bombers, whereas only 15,117 of the Japanese planes were bombers.

The final evidence of this economic mismatch between the U.S. and Japan lies in the development of the atomic bomb. The Manhattan Project required an enormous commitment on the part of the United States. And as Paul Kennedy states, "…it was the United States alone which at the time had the productive and technological resources not only to wage two large-scale conventional wars but also to invest the scientists, raw materials, and money (about $2 billion) in the development of a new weapon which might or might not work."

America's economy was so dominant that the nation could afford to fund one of the greatest scientific endeavors in history largely from the "leftovers" of its war effort. Whatever one may think morally or strategically about the usage of nuclear weapons against Japan, it is clear that their very development was a demonstration of unprecedented economic strength.

In retrospect, it is difficult to comprehend how Japan's leadership managed to rationalize their way around the economic facts when they contemplated making war on the U.S. After all, these were not stupid men. However, the Tojo government chose the path of aggression, compelled by internal political dynamics. As a consequence, the Japanese embarked on what can only be described as a suicidal venture against an overwhelmingly large foe. However, their greatest mistake was not just disregarding the economic muscle that lay partially dormant on the other side of the Pacific. In actuality, their chief error lay in misreading the will of the American people. When the American giant awoke, it did not lapse into despair as a result of the defeats that Japan had inflicted upon it. Rather, it awoke in a rage, and applied every ounce of its tremendous strength with a cold, methodical fury against its foe. The grim price Japan paid—1.8 million military casualties, the complete annihilation of its military, a half million or so civilians killed, and the utter destruction of practically every major urban area within the Home Islands—bears mute testimony to the folly of its militarist leaders.

Japan would remain occupied by U.S. forces from August 1945 until the Peace Treaty became effective on April 28, 1952.

World War II Statistics (World wide) Item	United States	Japan
Est. Cost of War	$286 Billion*	$41.3 Billion
Peak Strength	16.1 Million*	6.1 Million
Civilian Population ('45)	127.4 Million	72.0 Million
Killed In Action	291,557*	1.1 Million
Bombers Built	49,937	6,003
Fighters Built	64,000	30,356
Aircraft Losses	59,295*	49,485
Battleships	10	11
Battleship Losses	2	11
Carriers	38	25
Carrier Losses	10	25
Cruiser Losses	10	35
Submarine Losses	52	129
Merchant Ship Losses	578	2,346
Merchant Tonnage Sunk	3.5 Million	8.5 Million
Civilian Deaths	-	953,000
Private Homes Destroyed	-	2.2 Million
Source: World War II Almanac		
Europe & Pacific		

Saipan & Tinian Phase	
U. S. Troops Landed	71,034
U. S. Troops Killed	3,100
U. S. Wounded	13,100
Japanese Killed	29,500
Japanese Wounded	2,129
Surviving Chamorros / Carolinian	3,991
Chamorros / Carolinian Killed	300
Battle Dead Ratio	9.5 to 1
Duration of Battle	24 Days
Source: Crowl, Philip A	
Campaign in The Marianas	
Center of Military History, U. S. Army	

Economic boom from 1950

The outbreak of the Korean Conflict boosted Japan's economy as Japan became the supplier of goods needed for war. Payments from the U.S. government bolstered the Japanese economy, amounting to 27 percent of Japan's total export trade.

One result of the breakup of the zaibatsu and the family system of ownership was to introduce new blood and develop incentives to make business more efficient and profitable, with the result that some occupation policies taught the Japanese how to compete—if you can imagine that!

By the mid-1950s Japan's economy reached prewar levels. In 1951, Japan's gross national product was half that of West Germany, one-third that of Britain, and 4.2 percent that of the United States.

The greater productivity in agriculture made more people available for the workforce needed in Japan's industrial development. After the war, production in textiles, small electronic appliances, photographic equipment and automobiles rose in competition with the less advanced methods and practices of U.S. industrial leaders.

By 1970, Japan had overtaken all European economies. It had become the second largest economy in the world and it was a world leader in education. In 1975, Japan's GNP was double Britain's and 40 percent of that of the United States.

They are a remarkable people—about that there can be no doubt.

A March 2006 estimate by the U.S. Congressional Research Service, Library of Congress, found that the total U.S. assistance to Japan for the years of occupation (1946 – 1952) was roughly $2.2 billion ($15.2 billion in 2005 dollars)—which consisted of $1.7 billion in grants and $504 million in loans.

A point of view

A story is told of a political prophet in Tokyo who, in 1936, was asked to predict what would be happening to the people of his city in five, 10,and 20 years' time.

He began: "I prophesize that in five years' time, in 1941, Japan's influence will extend from the Aleutian Islands in the north around the globe to Thailand."

His audience said: "Ah, then you think that Japan will be in very good shape in 10 years time."

"No," replied the prophet. "My guess is that in 10 years' time or by 1946 the nation will be confined solely to the home islands, there will be no overseas colonies and most of our cities will have to be rebuilt, and money will be so tight that few Japanese will be able to afford an automobile."

"So you think we face a very difficult and harsh future in 20 years time."

"No —I prophesize that most Japanese families will own a car, real income will be 10 times greater than it is now and that several years after that in 1969—90 percent of all Japanese will sit looking at a box in the corner of their room which will show live pictures of a man walking on the moon."

It has been said that he was locked up as a madman, of course.

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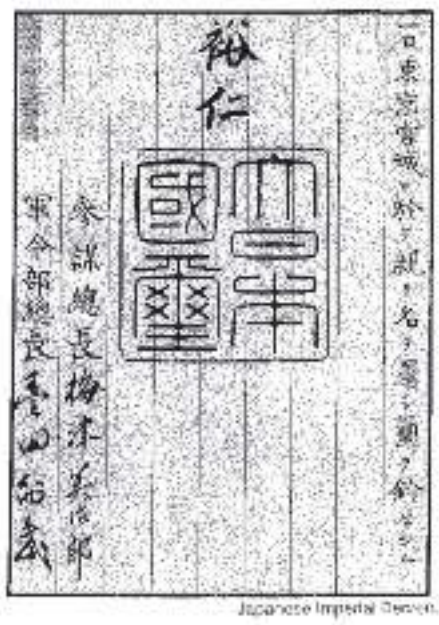
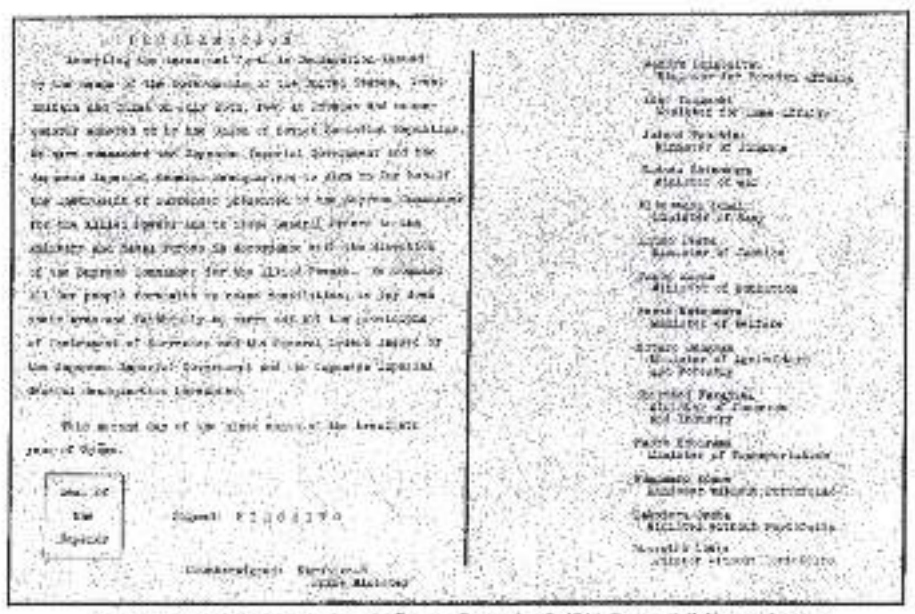


Japanese Imperial Decree, September 2, 1945. Source: U. S. National Archives



English translation of Japanese Imperial Decree, September 2, 1945. Source: U. S. National Archives

Business

Australia economy grows at fastest pace in 3 years

CANBERRA, Australia (AP)—Australia's economy grew at its fastest pace in three years in the second quarter as demand from China and elsewhere in Asia boosted exports of iron ore and other commodities.

The figures released Wednesday show the economy expanded 1.2 percent in the April-June quarter from the previous quarter, accelerating from revised growth of 0.7 percent in the first quarter.

Australia weathered the global economic downturn better than most developed countries, helped by a 42 billion Australian dollar ($38 billion) stimulus package and China's ravenous demand for raw materials.

Bob Cunneen, senior economist with AMP Capital Investors, said the numbers were surprisingly robust.

"This sort of GDP result is exceptional and won't be the rule, but it also underscores how well Australia is doing with the China growth story," he said.

Australia's S&P/ASX 200 stock index jumped 1.9 percent to 4,488.20, outpacing gains in Asian markets.

Treasurer Wayne Swan hailed the growth as "an outstanding set of figures."

"It's a strong outcome when you consider the shaky conditions that exist in countries like the United States and in Europe," Swan told reporters. "Finance ministers elsewhere and prime ministers elsewhere would kill for a set of outcomes such as these."

The Australian Bureau of Statistics figures also showed that gross domestic product—the value of all the goods and services produced by the economy—rose 3.3 percent for the year through June.

The statistics bureau said second quarter growth was driven by a 5.6 percent increase in exports and a 1.6 percent increase in household expenditures. Construction, mining and professional and technical services also increased production in the second quarter.

Retail data: Americans still cautious in August

NEW YORK (AP)—Not even skinny jeans for $20 are pulling Americans into stores.

Nervous about jobs and an unraveling economy, shoppers spent—at best—only slightly more this August than last, according to data released Wednesday by MasterCard's SpendingPulse.

The figures confirm a flurry of anecdotal evidence that retailers will be disappointed by this year's back-to-school season—a time they see as second only to the winter holidays.

"We are still not seeing a rebound," said Michael McNamara, vice president of research and analysis for SpendingPulse, which includes transactions in all forms including cash.

The good news is for consumers: Those who hoped for prices to fall and held off spending may be in luck if stores deepen discounts further to get rid of fall merchandise.

SpendingPulse's figures show shoppers spent more on children's clothing and consumer electronics than last August. But they pulled back on most other merchandise, including women's and men's fashions and luxury goods. In fact, spending in August on many types of nonessentials remained about where it was five years ago.

Women's clothing has been hit particularly hard, with revenue shrinking to about $300 million—about the same as 2004 and 2005, according to McNamara.

Online sales, up for a 13th month in a row, remained a rare bright spot. They rose 7.2 percent from a year ago, when they were up 1.5 percent.

All the figures compare spending from Aug. 1 through last Saturday with the first four weeks of August 2009.

Unrelenting hot weather in most of the country depressed shoppers' appetite for fall clothing. But shoppers also were reluctant to buy jeans and other items they could have worn right away.

Stifel Nicolaus analyst Richard Jaffe noted that heavy discounting on jeans that started in July hasn't grabbed much attention.

"I'm fairly convinced that we are seeing changes in consumer behavior that will be sustained for a long time," Jaffe said.

BUSINESS BRIEFS

Obama says reviving economy the most urgent task

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Barack Obama says his central responsibility as president is to restore the nation's fragile economy and to help put the millions of people who lost jobs back to work. Obama is devoting part of his prime-time speech on Iraq to the economy. In excerpts released by the White House, the president says restoring the economy is, in his words, "our most urgent task." Obama says that includes strengthening education and job training, jump-starting industries that create jobs, ending dependence on foreign oil, unleashing innovation and nurturing ideas from entrepreneurs. Obama calls the task difficult but necessary.

Lehman, Wachovia CEOs coming before panel

WASHINGTON (AP)—An inquiry panel is hearing from former CEOs of two big banks that succumbed to the financial crisis, Lehman Brothers and Wachovia Corp., as it delves into the "too big too fail" predicament and potential system-wide risk from financial institutions. Federal bank regulators also are appearing Wednesday before the bipartisan Financial Crisis Inquiry Commission, established by Congress to investigate the financial meltdown that plunged the economy into the most severe recession since the 1930s. After the subprime mortgage bubble burst in 2007, complex investments called credit default swaps, which insured against default of securitiess tied to the mortgages, collapsed. That brought the stunning downfall of Lehman Brothers Holdings Inc. Its implosion into the biggest bankruptcy in U.S. history on Sept. 15, 2008 triggered a worldwide panic in financial markets.

Oil creeps above $72 after big fall on weak demand

SINGAPORE (AP)—Oil prices rose slightly to above $72 a barrel Wednesday in Asia after a steep drop the previous day amid evidence that U.S. crude supplies remain high and demand weak. Benchmark crude for October delivery was up 34 cents to $72.26 a barrel at midday Singapore time in electronic trading on the New York Mercantile Exchange. The contract lost $2.78 to settle at $71.92 on Tuesday. Crude inventories jumped 4.7 million barrels last week, the American Petroleum Institute said late Tuesday. Analysts surveyed by Platts, the energy information arm of McGraw-Hill Cos., had forecast an increase of 1.9 million barrels. Inventories of gasoline and distillates fell, the API said.

Nation

President Barack Obama reads his speech to photographers after delivering a prime-time televised address marking the the end of combat mission in Iraq from the Oval Office of the White House in Washington, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010. AP

Obama: US combat in Iraq over, 'time to turn page'

WASHINGTON (AP)—Fiercely opposed to the war from the start, President Barack Obama formally ended the U.S. combat role in Iraq after seven long years of bloodshed, declaring firmly Tuesday night: "It is time to turn the page." Claiming no victory, he said the nation's most urgent priority now must be fixing its own sickly economy.

From the Oval Office, where George W. Bush first announced the invasion that would come to define his presidency, Obama addressed millions who were divided over the war in his country and around the world. He said the United States "has paid a huge price" to give Iraqis the chance to shape their future—a price that now includes more than 4,400 dead, tens of thousands of troops wounded and hundreds of billions of dollars spent since March 2003.

In a telling sign of the domestic troubles weighing on the United States and his own presidency, Obama turned much of the emphasis in a major war address to the dire state of U.S. joblessness.

In his remarks of slightly less than 20 minutes, only his second address from the Oval Office, Obama looked directly into the TV camera, hands clasped in front of him on his desk, family photos and the U.S. and presidential flags behind him.

Even as he turns control of the war over to the Iraqis—and trying to cap one of the most divisive chapters in recent American history—Obama is escalating the conflict in Afghanistan. He pledged anew that the United States would keep up the fight in that war, the longest since Vietnam.

Earl could force US evacuations ahead of Labor Day

RALEIGH, N.C. (AP)—A powerful Hurricane Earl threatened to sideswipe much of the East Coast just ahead of Labor Day, worrying countless vacationers who planned to spend the traditional last week of summer at the beach.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency warned people along the Eastern Seaboard to prepare for possible evacuations and islanders in the Turks and Caicos hunkered down in their homes Tuesday as the Category 4 hurricane steamed across the Caribbean with winds of 135 mph.

North Carolina officials late Tuesday announced the first evacuation would be Ocracoke Island beginning at 5 a.m. Wednesday. Tourists would be ordered to leave the barrier island accessible only by ferries, but those who live there year-round have the option to stay.

Earl was expected to remain over the open ocean before turning north and running parallel to the East Coast, bringing high winds and heavy rain to North Carolina's Outer Banks by late Thursday or early Friday. From there, forecasters said, it could curve away from the coast somewhat as it makes it way north, perhaps hitting Massachusetts' Cape Cod and the Maine shoreline on Friday night and Saturday.

ACROSS THE NATION

Murkowski concedes Alaska primary race

ANCHORAGE, Alaska (AP)—Sen. Lisa Murkowski was booted from office in the Republican primary Tuesday by a little-known conservative lawyer in arguably the biggest political upset of the year. Joe Miller, backed by Sarah Palin and the Tea Party Express, became the latest newcomer to the national political stage to take down an incumbent in 2010 amid deep dissatisfaction with the Washington establishment. Miller's win was a major victory for the tea party movement and marked the first time it had defeated a sitting senator in a primary. Tea partiers had knocked off Utah Sen. Bob Bennett at a state convention in May. Embolden tea partiers have now set their sights on Delaware where they are backing Christine O'Donnell against the more moderate Rep. Mike Castle in the GOP Senate primary. Murkowski is the third senator to lose this year, along with Bennett and Arlen Specter, D-Pa.

Cops: Calif doctor gets stuck in chimney, dies

BAKERSFIELD, Calif. (AP)—A doctor involved in an "on-again, off-again" relationship apparently tried to force her way into her boyfriend's home by sliding down the chimney, police said Tuesday. Her decomposing body was found there three days later. Dr. Jacquelyn Kotarac, 49, first tried to get into the house with a shovel, then climbed a ladder to the roof last Wednesday night, removed the chimney cap and slid feet first down the flue, Bakersfield police Sgt. Mary DeGeare said. While she was trying to break in, the man she was pursuing escaped unnoticed from another exit "to avoid a confrontation," authorities said. DeGeare said the two were in an "on-again, off-again" relationship. The man's identity was not revealed by police, but the man who resides in the home is William Moodie, 58. "She made an unbelievable error in judgment and nobody understands why, and unfortunately she's passed away," Moodie told The Associated Press. "She had her issues—she had her demons—but I never lost my respect for her."

Asia

Villagers return to slopes of Indonesian volcano

TANAH KARO, Indonesia (AP)—Thousands of villagers returned to their homes along the ash-covered slopes of an Indonesian volcano that exploded after four centuries of dormancy, even though officials warned they could be putting their lives at risk.

Some said Tuesday they could no longer bear to stay in cramped emergency shelters, while others wanted to get back to their farms.

The first eruption of Mount Sinabung—which caught many scientists off guard—over the weekend was followed by a second, more powerful blast Monday that spewed soot and debris more than a mile (several kilometers) into the air, leaving the region on high alert.

Several domestic flights in North Sumatra province had to be diverted because of poor visibility, and two people died, though it remained unclear Tuesday if the volcano was to blame.

Of the 30,000 people who have been evacuated to refugee shelters, mosques and churches, more than 6,000 have packed up their belongings and headed home, said Yeni Hariani Sembiring of the Tanah Karo district information center.

Some piled into the backs of pickup trucks. Others drove their motorcycles or walked up the side of the mountain, which continued to send plumes of white smoke gushing into the air, but with lower intensity than in recent days.

"We don't know if it's safe or not," said Johnson Siagian, who works at a local monitoring post, looking up at the crater, which by late afternoon was shrouded in fog. "But if they insist on going home, there's not much we can do."

Mount Sinabung last erupted in 1600 and government vulcanologists acknowledged they had made no efforts before the mountain started rumbling last week to sample gases or look out for rising magma or other signs of seismic activity.

Birthplace of the Taliban: the next battleground

HOWZ-E-MADAD, Afghanistan (AP)—As some 400 U.S. and Afghan soldiers gather to honor their first fallen comrade, mournful Muslim prayers mingle with the stutter of machine gun fire and the thud of exploding grenades just beyond their heavily fortified camp.

This funeral ceremony will almost certainly be repeated, perhaps many times, as the combined force begins in mid-September to battle some of Afghanistan's most zealous insurgents in arid wastelands and verdant orchards, attempting to root out the Taliban from the place of its birth.

Violence is already a daily staple in Zhari district in the southern province of Kandahar, stage for what commanders call a pivotal campaign to pacify the insurgency's heartland.

Roadside bombs—from 20 to 1,000 pounds (nine to 450 kilograms)—riddle supply convoys on Highway 1, which abuts this forward operating base. Brazen Taliban fighters, edging close to the strategic highway, are gunned down by snipers from the guard towers.

Patrols must gingerly tread their way through the district's two swaths of outwardly gentle orchards and grape fields, dubbed "green monsters" by the troops because they are seeded with homemade explosives. Demarcating the fields are high, thick mud walls that bullets can't penetrate but pierced by narrow slits providing excellent firing positions for secreted insurgents.

The walls remind some history-savvy soldiers of the hedgerows of Normandy during World War II where their unit—the 502nd Infantry Regiment, 101st Airborne Division—fought with such distinction.

Flood refugee gives birth in graveyard in Pakistan

MAKLI, Pakistan (AP)—Jannah Soorjo was forced to give birth in a sprawling Muslim graveyard in southern Pakistan filled with hundreds of thousands of flood victims, a reminder of the pain and despair gripping the country even as the floodwaters begin to flow out to sea.

The feverish 26-year-old mother is one of 500,000 women affected by the floods whom the United Nations expects will give birth in the next six months. Many of their children will enter a world where food and water are scarce and the risk of deadly disease is high.

"I gave birth to this baby, but how can I arrange food for him here," Soorjo said, cradling her newborn son Tuesday. "He seems to be sick, and we don't have money for his treatment."

Soorjo fled to the cemetery on top of a hill in Makli four days ago to escape the floodwaters, which inundated dozens of villages and towns in her southern Sindh province.

The floods began over a month ago in the northwest after extremely heavy monsoon rains and surged south along the Indus River.

The floodwaters finally started emptying into the Arabian Sea on Tuesday, hours after swallowing the two final towns in its path, both of which had been evacuated, said disaster management official Hadi Bakhsh.

But the challenges of delivering emergency aid to 8 million people remained.

ASIAN BRIEFS

Pakistan army cancels US trip amid search dispute

ISLAMABAD (AP)—Pakistan's military says it has canceled a trip by officers to the United States after they were subjected to "unwarranted security checks" at an airport in Washington. A statement Wednesday said the delegation had been invited to attend a meeting at U.S. Central Command, in Tampa, Florida. Pakistan's Dawn newspaper reported the incident took place aboard a plane before takeoff at Dulles airport on Aug. 30. It reported a disagreement had occurred between a member of the delegation and either a passenger or a flight attendant.

6 more American troops die in Afghan fighting

KABUL, Afghanistan (AP)—Six more American troops were killed in action in Afghanistan, ending August with a spike in bloodshed that has claimed the lives of 19 U.S. service members in only four days. The U.S. death toll for the month stood at 56—three-quarters of them in the second half of the month as the Taliban fight back against U.S. pressure in southern and eastern strongholds. American losses accounted for more than 70 percent of the 76 fatalities suffered by the entire NATO-led force. NATO said four of the Americans who died Tuesday were killed by a roadside bomb in eastern Afghanistan, while two died in gunfights with insurgents in the country's south. No other details were released.

Panel: India must secure elephant reserves

NEW DELHI (AP)—India should protect its elephant population by securing its wildlife reserves, curbing poaching and restricting development in the corridors they use to travel between forested areas, a panel recommended. Poaching for ivory and increased conflicts between people and elephants due to their dwindling habitat are key problems faced by India's wild elephant population, estimated at around 26,000. The Elephant Task Force recommended setting up a national elephant conservation authority, better management of elephant reserves and protecting 88 corridors that the animals use across the country from mining, irrigation and other industrial projects.

World

'Unprecedented' challenge to save Chilean miners

AP

Chilean flags sit near the camp where the relatives of 33 trapped miners wait outside the collapsed San Jose mine in Copiapo, Chile, Tuesday Aug. 31, 2010.

SAN JOSE MINE, Chile (AP)—The effort to save 33 men trapped deep in a Chilean mine is an unprecedented challenge, mining safety experts said Tuesday. It means months of drilling, then a harrowing three-hour trip in a cage up a narrow hole carved through solid rock.

If all of that is successful, the freed men will emerge from the earth and "feel born again," said an American miner who was part of a group dramatically rescued in 2002 with similar techniques. But that rescue pulled men from a spot only one-tenth as deep.

"They're facing the most unusual rescue that has ever been dealt with," said Dave Feickert, director of KiaOra, a mine safety consulting firm in New Zealand that has worked to improve China's dangerous mines. "Every one of these rescues presents challenging issues. But this one is unique."

First, engineers must use a 31-ton drill to create a "pilot" hole from the floor of the Atacama Desert down 2,200 feet (700 meters) to the area in the San Jose mine where the men wait.

Then, the drill must be fitted with a larger bit to carve out a rescue chimney that will be about 26 inches (66 centimeters) wide—a task that means guiding the drill through solid rock while keeping the drill rod from snapping or getting bogged down as it nears its target.

Finally, the men must be brought up one at a time inside a specially built cage—a trip that will take three hours each. Just hauling the men up will itself take more than four days—if there are no problems.

Palestinian kills 4 Israelis on eve of peace talks

JERUSALEM (AP)—Palestinian gunmen opened fire Tuesday on an Israeli car in the West Bank and killed four passengers on the eve of a new round of Mideast peace talks in Washington. The Islamic militant group Hamas claimed responsibility.

Assailants firing from a passing car riddled the vehicle with bullets as it traveled near Hebron—a volatile city that has been a flash point of violence in the past. Some 500 ultranationalist Jewish settlers live in heavily fortified enclaves in the city amid more than 100,000 Palestinians.

One of the victims was pregnant, said police spokesman Micky Rosenfeld. Israel's national rescue service said the victims were two men and two women, and Israeli media said everyone in the car was killed.

Video broadcast live on Israel TV late Tuesday showed a white Subaru station wagon standing at an angle at the side of a road, its windows shot out and its doors dotted with bullet holes. The car was flanked by army and police vehicles and dozens of soldiers.

The attackers fled and Israeli forces set up roadblocks and carried out searches to try to catch them.

About 3,000 people joined a rally in Gaza to celebrate the attack. Hamas military wing spokesman Abu Obeida was among them and told The Associated Press: "The Qassam Brigades announces its full responsibility for the heroic operation in Hebron."

Upon arriving in Washington for this week's talks, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu condemned the attack and said "terror will not determine Israel's borders or the future of the settlements.

WORLD BRIEFS

New photos show Fidel Castro with US journalist

HAVANA (AP)—Cuba on Tuesday released pictures of Fidel Castro with an American magazine correspondent and a Washington-based policy expert, while a Mexican newspaper published an interview in which the gray-bearded revolutionary expressed regret for past persecution of homosexuals. The images show Cuba's 84-year-old former leader with Jeffrey Goldberg of The Atlantic and Julia E. Sweig from the Council on Foreign Relations during a visit Monday to the Havana aquarium - Castro's second trip there during a media blitz that has seen him making near daily appearances. Goldberg is a national correspondent for the magazine who has written on the Middle East and Iran. State media reported that he and Sweig interviewed Castro, but gave no indication of what was said. For months, Castro has warned of nuclear war that would pit Washington and Israel against Iran and would also involve an attack on North Korea. He even said he expected fighting to begin earlier this summer, but has since said those doomsday predictions may have been somewhat premature.

Aid groups say S. Sudan soldiers target aid workers

JUBA, Sudan (AP)—The army of Southern Sudan has been looting food convoys and carrying out other attacks on aid groups, officials of those groups alleged, and a top military officer warned Tuesday that the humanitarian groups could be expelled if the complaints get too "harsh." The aid community in Southern Sudan documented 80 incidents of obstruction, vehicle hijackings or harassment of aid staff by southern troops since February. No aid staff have been killed, but several have been wounded. International aid workers are worried that access to needy populations in a region already plagued by hunger may be further restricted as an independence referendum scheduled for January approaches. The vote would determine whether the south splits off from Sudan and forms a separate country. The U.N. says that 4 million people in Southern Sudan—roughly half the population—rely on food aid to survive.

72 dead migrants found in Mexico tip of iceberg

SAN SALVADOR, El Salvador (AP)—Paula Cruz wept quietly at the foreign ministry office in El Salvador's capital after reporting that her son was missing—apparently kidnapped—in Mexico. "I got a phone call asking me to send $2,500 to ransom him," the 77-year-old mother said, clutching the last letter she received from her 43-year-old son. "I didn't have the money. I don't know if he is alive or dead." Cruz fears her son may be one the 72 migrants found shot to death in northern Mexico last week. She is one of hundreds of people who streamed to government offices in Central America after news of the massacre spread, searching for news of relatives who went missing after setting out through Mexico hoping to reach the United States.

Environment

Two summers of working with the environment

By JOSE QUAN
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
A view of the Island of Pagan as the sun breaks through the cloud cover.

The summer of 2010 has been my fourth summer as a Coral Monitoring Intern. As each school year passes, followed by an eventful summer working with the environment, I have managed to obtain some of the greatest experiences imaginable. Being involved in the ocean, I have learned a great amount of valuable knowledge on being able to understand my surrounding environment.

The first two years as a Coral Monitoring Intern baptized me into the unpredictable ocean where I was towed around like a human lure to collect water quality samples. I was able to personally witness the variety of organisms that are found in the waters of the Marianas. These summers spent towing around a YSI sensor solidified how freshwater dramatically affects the functioning of a habitat. When there is an abundance of nutrient-rich water mixing with salt water, the algae in that particular area will experience rapid growth. This upsets the cycle in the marine habitat, leading to an imbalance of counteracting forces that protect this cycle. In a simple scenario, the overgrowth of algae will hinder the growth of coral. As a result, fishes that depend on corals as a food source will decrease in population. As always, there are always direct and indirect effects that will result if we do not take care of our environment.

The summer of 2009 was spent mostly at the main fish markets of Saipan measuring the majority of reef fishes that passed through the market. This task was difficult at first because it required me to learn how to identify each fish that is seen in a typical cooler, including the scientific names of the fish as well. One great benefit from looking at fishes in coolers is that I eventually gained the ability to spot specific types of fish from the surface of the ocean while snorkeling.

The summer of 2010 was a very unique summer. I spent the first two weeks on the Island of Pagan after coming back from college. I was a volunteer to help the gecko scientists with their studies. Their studies included plot removals, sticky trapping, and night observatories. It was an incredible experience living in a place where I couldn't check my Facebook or be anxious for the sound of a text message. I was literally one with nature. I left Saipan on June 17 and got back on July 4. The day after, I was already part of the Division of Environmental Quality family helping Lisa Eller with constructing the CNMI Marine Education website. The purpose of this website was to provide a resource for educational instructors, specifically the marine environment, to view and utilize information in our surrounding waters. The bulk of the website is in the Education & Outreach page where a teacher can view informational documents, activities, or "Request a Presentation." Along with a resource page, there is also a media page with pictures and soon-to-be viewable videos.

This summer's internship was more related to public outreach instead of going out into the field and collecting and analyzing the data. This summer's project was obviously different but very beneficial for my work experience. I have learned that although data collecting and analyzing has its benefits, public outreach is crucial towards promoting a collective effort for the community to be educated and involved.

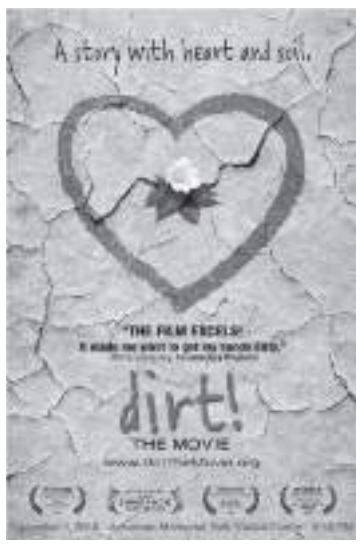
Having only a year left at Santa Clara University specializing in business management and a minor in environmental studies, I definitely want to come back to Saipan and find a place where I can utilize my experience from college as well as the summer internships. I would highly recommend this internship to anyone who is interested in learning about the environment.

First 40 families will get free plants at *Dirt! The Movie*

» Event starts at 6pm, movie plays at 6:30pm

September has arrived and with it comes the "First Friday Films" premiere of *Dirt! The Movie*, tomorrow at the American Memorial Park Visitor's Center at 6:30pm.

The opening scenes of *Dirt! The Movie* dive into the wonderment of soil. Made from the same elements as the stars, plants, animals, and us, "dirt is very much alive." Modern industrial pursuits and clamor for both profit and natural resources has, however, disrupted our human connection to and respect for soil. Drought, climate change, even war are all directly related to the way we treat dirt. The movie really begins and ends on a positive note, and also provides perspectives from a broad range of people—religious leaders, scientists, farmers, wine makers, teachers and more.



Come a little early and stay a little later for engaging presentations about soil from local resource agencies:

BEFORE THE FILM: Come between 6pm and 6:30pm and see an exhibit about composting from the CNMI Department of Agriculture. Learn how you can do it at home.

BEFORE THE FILM: Free plants will be given to the first 40 families or while supplies last. One voucher per family. Plants will be distributed after the movie. Courtesy of the CNMI Department of Agriculture, Forestry Division.

AFTER THE FILM: USDA Natural Resources Conservation Service will speak about soil in the CNMI and what resource managers are doing to conserve this extremely valuable resource (as well as answer audience questions) (10-15 minutes).

For planning purposes, the movie runs about one hour and 20 minutes. As always, "First Friday Films" is free and open to the public. For further information, visit www.firstfridayfilmssaipan.blogspot.com.

Tagging turtles, digging up clams, surveying reefs: All in a day's work

By SARAH JOHNSON
SPECIAL TO THE SAIPAN TRIBUNE

Hafa Adai, Saipan! My name is Sarah Johnson and I am spending my last summer, before heading out to college, on Saipan as an intern in the Marine Monitoring Team. The MMT includes Coastal Resources Management Office and the Division of Environmental Quality, and it studies the marine environment in order to gain information to protect and conserve the reef resources for future generations. The MMT does this through many different marine projects and surveys that I was a part of over the summer.

At CRM, the MMT consists of marine biologist John Starmer and marine technicians David Benavente and Rodney Camacho. Over the summer they have been my mentors, and have taught me much about the marine environment in the CNMI.

One of my main projects over the summer was reef-flat surveys, which took place almost every week at different beaches on Saipan and Tinian. During reef-flat surveys, we identify corals, algae and invertebrates at the different sites in the CNMI. When all the information is collected, it is put into the computer with the other information from the past years. With this, we can see a change (if any) in the corals, algae and invertebrates at the different beaches in the CNMI. You can see some of our results at http://www.cnmicoralreef.net/monitoring.htm.

Another project I worked on over the summer was to monitor clam populations at beaches with runoff. For this project, we went around the island, to different beaches, to dig in the sand to search for clams. When we found the clams, we took them back to the office and sent them to the lab at the University of Guam's Water Environmental Resource Institute. There, the clams are tested for heavy metals carried by the runoff in some parts of Saipan. We also collect sand samples to determine the levels of heavy metals, but clams are better to use because the heavy metals usually accumulate inside the clam's tissue, and thus easier to detect. If any heavy metals are detected in our marine environment, we need to find a way to prevent it to conserve the marine environment and protect our people's health.

One of the smaller projects over the summer involved turtle tagging and turtle nesting with DLNR's Sea Turtle Conservation Program. Turtle tagging is done to keep track of the increase or decrease of the population of turtles in the CNMI. We also learned about nesting turtles by counting hatched eggs in turtle nests. Sometimes when we dig up the hatched nests, we find baby sea turtles that are still living, and we guide them to the water. Another project was a study of fish populations in the CNMI. For this project a group from University of Guam came out to dive at different locations on Saipan and Tinian to count fish that live there at different depths. This information is important so people know which fish live where and if there are large populations of fish at different sites such as conserved areas.

I don't have much time left in my summer internship, and I know I will enjoy the last few days of it. I learned so much over this summer about our marine environment and it made me realize that we need to protect our resources for the future. My plans are to attend California Polytechnic State University in the fall and to get a degree in architecture. I want to build environmentally friendly buildings that help protect the marine environment and the environment in general.

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Sarah Johnson takes part in turtle tagging for the DLNR's Sea Turtle Conservation Program.

Life & Style

Blair memoir excites booksellers, riles critics

BY JILL LAWLESS
ASSOCIATED PRESS WRITER

LONDON (AP)—It's a political memoir with celebrity trappings—secrecy, security, a multimillion-dollar deal and, crucially, controversy.

Tony Blair's "A Journey" was stirring political passions even before it hits bookstores Wednesday, with excerpts revealing that the former British prime minister has cried for soldiers and civilians killed in Iraq, but still thinks it was right to invade and topple Saddam Hussein.

The decision to go to war remains Blair's most divisive legacy. In excerpts from the book released by the publisher late Tuesday, Blair says "I ... regret with every fiber of my being the loss of those who died."

"Tears, though there have been many, do not encompass it," he says.

But, he says, "on the basis of what we do know now, I still believe that leaving Saddam in power was a bigger risk to our security than removing him and that, terrible though the aftermath was, the reality of Saddam and his sons in charge of Iraq would at least arguably be much worse."

"I can't regret the decision to go to war," he says.

Blair also reopens domestic political wounds, saying he found his rival and successor Gordon Brown difficult and maddening.

Blair

British booksellers are reporting heavy interest in the book, for which Blair was paid an estimated 4.6 million pounds ($7.5 million). He's donating the proceeds to a charity for injured troops.

Billed by publisher Random House as a "frank, open" account of life at the top, "A Journey" is being published in a dozen countries, alongside an e-book and an audio version read by Blair himself. It's in the top 10 on Amazon's British best-seller list—though it's only 4,000 on the retailer's U.S. site.

"Initial sales will be huge," said Jonathan Ruppin of Foyles book store chain. "But whether those sales are sustained will depend on how frank and open it is."

Blair—who is scheduled to be in Washington on publication day, attending Israeli-Palestinian peace talks in his role as an international Mideast envoy—has said he "set out to write a book which describes the human as much as the political dimensions of life as prime minister."

"A Journey" promises to give readers behind-the-curtain insights into major world events from the death of Princess Diana to the Sept. 11 attacks and the invasion of Iraq.

It is unlikely to resolve the conflicting views and emotions Blair evokes.

For many Americans, he remains a well-regarded ally who stood shoulder-to-shoulder with the U.S. in the fight against international terrorism. He's scheduled to receive the 2010 Liberty Medal from former President Bill Clinton in Philadelphia on Sept. 13.

At home, he is a more polarizing figure. Swept to power in 1997 on a wave of popular enthusiasm, Blair left office a decade later reviled by many for taking Britain into the U.S.-led Iraq war, and viewed as a liability by much of his own Labour Party.

"He began as a leader who was a friend of everyone, and he finished as a friend of almost no one in Britain," said Blair biographer Anthony Seldon.

Anti-war groups say they will picket Blair's book signings in Dublin on Saturday and in London on Sept. 8. Both are high-security affairs at which book buyers will have to surrender their bags, cameras and mobile phones—and are barred from asking for personal dedications.

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Patrick Fabian, Ashley Bell
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Synopsis
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Piranha
Friday 4:30 7:30 10:00
Saturday 1:30 4:30 7:30 10:00
Sunday 1:30 4:30 7:30
Mon through Thurs 4:30 7:30
Elisabeth Shue, Adam Scott
Horror • Rated R
Synopsis
Haute Tension and Hills Have Eyes director Alexandre Aja pays homage to the films that made him fall in love with the horror genre by helming this comedic remake of director Joe Dante's 1978 Jaws parody.

Vampires Suck
Friday 4:15 7:15 9:45
Saturday 1:15 4:15 7:15 9:45
Sunday 1:15 4:15 7:15
Mon through Thurs 4:15 7:15
Matt Lanter, Chris Riggi
Comedy • Rated PG 13
Synopsis
Vampires Suck is a comedy about contemporary teen angst and romance movies. Becca, an anxious, non-vampire teen, is torn between two boys. Before she can choose. Becca must get around her controlling father, who embarrasees Becca by treating her like a child. Meanwhile, Becca's friends content with their own romantic issues — all of which collide at the prom.

The Expendables
Friday 4:10 7:20 9:30
Saturday 1:20 4:10 7:20 9:30
Sunday 1:20 4:10 7:20
Mon through Thurs 4:10 7:20
Sylvester Stallone, Jason Statham
War • Rated R

Scott Pilgrim Versus The World
Friday 4:05 7:05 9:40
Saturday 1:05 4:05 7:05 9:40
Sunday 1:05 4:05 7:05
Mon through Thurs 4:05 7:05
Michael Cera, Chris Evans
Adventure • Rated PG 13

Salt
Friday 4:25 7:25 9:55
Saturday 1:25 4:25 7:25 9:55
Sunday 1:25 4:25 7:25
Mon through Thurs 4:25 7:25
Angelina Jolie, Liev Schreiber
Thriller • Rated PG 13

The Other Guys
Friday 4:20 7:10 9:35
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Mark Wahlberg, Will Farrell
Comedy • Rated PG 13

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POP CULTURE Q&A

Oscars overlooked 'Revolutionary Road'

By RICH HELDENFELS
AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Q: I recently saw a movie called "Revolutionary Road" starring Kate Winslet and Leonardo DiCaprio. How did it fare in the Academy Awards and the Golden Globes?

A: The movie was nominated for three Oscars: supporting actor (Michael Shannon), art direction and costume design. It won none. Winslet won the best actress Oscar, but for "The Reader." She was very good in that, but it was a supporting, not lead, performance. The Golden Globes, for all their flaws, at least gave Winslet a "Reader" award as best supporting actress in a drama.

As for "Revolutionary Road," it was nominated for four Golden Globes—best actress (Winslet), actor (DiCaprio) and movie, all in the drama category, and best director (Sam Mendes). Winslet, adding to her trophies that night, was the sole winner.

Q: As kids we enjoyed watching Hop Sing on "Bonanza." Did he appear in any other shows? I assumed he is deceased now.

A: Victor Sen Yung began working in movies in the 1930s and played a son of detective Charlie Chan in 18 of the Chan films, both with Sidney Toler and Roland Winters as Chan. (Yung was Jimmy Chan in some films, Tommy Chan in others.) In addition to other film work, he often appeared on television, and not only on Bonanza. He was also author of "Victor Sen Yung's Great Wok Cookbook" and, at the time of his death, was operating a mail-order pottery business. He was 65 when he died in 1980 as a result of accidental asphyxiation from a gas leak in his home.

Q: Could you update me on an "American Idol" contestant of a few years ago, Melinda Doolittle? I am surprised she has not been signed by a record company and making records with her beautiful voice.

A: In 2009, Doolittle—who finished third on Idol in 2007—released the CD "Coming Back to You." Earlier this year she could be found on bookshelves with "Beyond Me: Finding Your Way to Life's Next Level." You can also read more about her at http://melindadoolittle.com.

Q: Do you know when the series "Dark Shadows" will be released on DVD? It was a series on TV in the '60s.

A: The daytime drama, notably for the vampire Barnabas Collins played by Jonathan Frid, originally aired on ABC from 1966 to 1971. A prime-time version with Ben Cross as Barnabas aired briefly in 1991. Beginning in 2002, MPI Home Video released a series of collections of episodes of the original series. The 1991 series is also on DVD.

Q: Please tell me if "Raising the Bar" on TNT was canceled and if so, why? It was my favorite program and I wish to know if it's coming back.

A: It is not. The series ended after two seasons. TNT said in a statement that "ratings for 'Raising the Bar's' second season did not reach the levels required for TNT to renew the series." The two seasons that were made have been released on DVD.

Q: What I believe was one of the last episodes of "Criminal Minds" titled "Night Stalker" ended in such a way that I thought it would be continued in the next episode. Was there a follow-up and what was the title or will it show in the next season?

A: Although an online clip from the episode is called "Night Stalker," the "Criminal Minds" episode in question was called "Our Darkest Hour." It was the fifth-season finale, and a cliffhanger. The sixth season is set to start Sept. 22.

Q: In your Aug. 12 column you said there are six "Jesse Stone" movies on DVD. I have read several books by Robert B. Parker and seen two movies, and I really enjoyed them. Could you list the DVD titles so I can rent them?

A: The first is "Stone Cold," sometimes listed as "Jesse Stone: Stone Cold" to distinguish it from a Brian Bosworth movie called "Stone Cold. The other DVDs are "Jesse Stone: Night Passage"; "Jesse Stone: Death in Paradise"; "Jesse Stone: Sea Change"; "Jesse Stone: Thin Ice"; and "Jesse Stone: No Remorse." Four are derived from Parker books; "Thin Ice" and "No Remorse" are not.

Do you have a question or comment about movies, TV and other popular culture? Write to rheldenfels@thebeaconjournal.com.

Michael Douglas optimistic about cancer recovery

NEW YORK (AP)—Michael Douglas says he faces an "eight-week struggle" against throat cancer but is optimistic about his chances for recovery.

During an appearance Tuesday on David Letterman's "Late Show," the actor said he had just finished his first week of radiation and chemotherapy. That drew a surprised reaction from Letterman.

"You've never looked better to me, and this proves that you're a tough guy, for God's sakes," the talk-show host said, drawing cheers from the studio audience, according to a CBS news release.

"Let's just say ... I'm pretty lit up right now," Douglas replied.

The disease was diagnosed three weeks ago, he said, although he had complained of a very sore throat earlier this year and had undergone testing that failed to find a cause.

Douglas, 65, who has two children with Catherine Zeta-Jones, said he enjoyed the summer traveling with his family before returning to the doctor. A biopsy found he had late, stage-four cancer, "which is intense, and so they've had to go at it," he said.

AP

In this June 10, 2010 file photo, actor Michael Douglas arrives at the AFI Lifetime Achievement Awards in Culver City, Calif.

However, Douglas said, the cancer remains above the neck and that means expectations are good, with an 80 percent or better chance of recovery.

Asked by Letterman about his personal habits, he said he had smoked and consumed alcohol.

According to a National Institutes of Health website, use of tobacco or alcohol are among the factors that put people at risk of developing throat cancer. Combining tobacco and drinking increases the risk.

Most throat cancer develops in people older than 50, with men more likely than women to get the disease, the NIH site says.

Letterman wished Douglas good luck, then said, "Wow, boy, I feel like I want to do something for you. Can I do something for you?"

"Ahh, give me a hug," Douglas responded, according to a CBS transcript.

Douglas stars in the upcoming film "Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps," a sequel to "Wall Street" (1987), for which he won a best-actor Oscar.

JK Rowling donates 10 million pounds for MS center

LONDON (AP) — Author J.K. Rowling has given 10 million pounds ($15.4 million) to set up a clinic to treat and research multiple sclerosis, the disease that killed her mother.

The creator of Harry Potter says she hopes the clinic will become "a world center for excellence in the field of regenerative neurology."

Rowling said Tuesday that the Anne Rowling Regenerative Neurology Clinic will be based at the University of Edinburgh in Scotland.

The university says Rowling's gift is the largest single donation it has received.

The writer is a longtime resident of the Scottish capital.

Rowling's mother died in 1990 at the age of 45, before the writer struck fame with her novels about the boy wizard.

'Crocodile Dundee' says he can't afford back taxes

ADELAIDE, Australia (AP)—Actor Paul Hogan, star of the "Crocodile Dundee" movie trilogy, said Tuesday he cannot afford to pay even 10 percent of what the Australian Tax Office says he owes in back taxes.

Hogan's interview with the television program "A Current Affair" was his first public comment since he was barred earlier this month from leaving Australia until he settles a multimillion dollar tax bill.

Hogan told the news program the tax office was on a witch hunt for a high-profile case, and he should not be classed a flight risk.

"I actually came out here at the request of the Australian Crime Commission at my own time and expense to assist them with their inquires," he said in the interview. "If I was a tax evader, which I'm not, I must be the dumbest one in the world, because they gave me five years notice that they have seized every piece of paper that my tax advisers and lawyers and accountants have ever had. I kept coming back here."

Australian tax and crime investigators have fought Hogan in a five-year legal wrangle in Australian and U.S. courts to investigate evidence he used offshore bank accounts to conceal earnings since his low-budget "Crocodile Dundee" movie became an international hit in 1986.

Tax authorities last month claimed Hogan owed tax on 38 million Australian dollars ($34 million) in allegedly undisclosed income. The exact tax bill has not been disclosed.

Hogan has denied any wrongdoing and disputes the tax bill. He has never been charged with tax evasion.

He said in the interview he is not as rich as people believe. "I can't pay 10 percent of what they're asking," he said.

Hogan said he could not disclose the exact bill for legal reasons.

"I know they're absolutely desperate to nail some high-profile character with money to justify the expense to the taxpayer," he said of the tax office.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

'Gone With the Wind' dress donation target reached

AUSTIN, Texas (AP) — Legions of "Gone With the Wind" fans have together donated tens of thousands of dollars to prove they, frankly, do give a you-know-what. The University of Texas Harry Ransom Center says it has met its $30,000 fundraising goal to pay for restoring five of Scarlett O'Hara's gowns from the multiple Oscar-winning Civil War drama. Ransom Center officials announced Tuesday that contributions came from more than 600 people in 44 states and 13 countries. The gowns worn by actress Vivien Leigh in the 1939 film include a green curtain dress. The Ransom Center is planning an exhibit to mark the movie's 75th anniversary in 2014. Once restored, the dresses may be loaned to other museums.

CMA announces first round of nominees

NASHVILLE, Tennessee (AP) — Miranda Lambert leads the first round of CMA Awards nominations with five, followed closely by Lady Antebellum with four and Zac Brown with three. Blake Shelton and Trace Adkins as well as newcomer Easton Corbin have two each. Lambert is competing against herself twice. "The House That Built Me" and "White Liar" are both up for single of the year and music video of the year. She's also nominated for writing song of the year contender "White Liar." Other song of the year nominees include "The House That Built Me"; "Need You Now, co-written by Lady Antebellum; "Toes" co-written by Zac Brown; and Corbin's "A Little More Country Than That." Both Lady A and Zac Brown Band are up for vocal group of the year against Little Big Town, Rascal Flatts and The Band Perry. In addition to their nod for vocal group, Zac Brown Band is nominated again in the new artist of the year category. The band is up against Corbin, Luke Bryan, Jerrod Niemann and Chris Young. Rounding out the single of the year category is Lady A's "Need You Now," Corbin's "A Little More Country Than That" and Shelton and Adkins' "Hillbilly Bone" duet. The final nominees will be announced Wednesday. The CMAs are set for Nov. 10 in Nashville.

Cho finds comedy in serious topics on new album

NEW YORK (AP) — Margaret Cho is combining comedy with music on an album that tries to find humor in serious topics: rejection, interventions and even murder. Ben Lee, Fiona Apple and folk rocker Andrew Bird are among the musicians who collaborated on "Cho Dependent." Bird helped Cho with a song about a crush who turned out to be a murderer, an episode that Cho says is based on her life. Cho says she looked up a love interest online and was shocked to learn that he was convicted of murdering his wife. She says that writing the song was cathartic and helped her find the humor in "the worst things, the most tragic stuff in life."

Amazon trying to offer subscription TV, movies

LOS ANGELES (AP) — Amazon.com Inc. is talking with major media companies about offering unlimited views of older TV shows and movies online, as it struggles to stay relevant to consumers flocking to Apple Inc.'s iTunes a la carte store and Netflix Inc.'s subscription DVD plan. Amazon has approached several companies, including Viacom Inc., Time Warner Inc., and Sony Corp., three people familiar with the matter said Tuesday. They requested anonymity because the talks are ongoing. The talks are at an early stage and focus on offering TV shows and movies that have already been available on home video, according to one person. Amazon intends to link the service to its Amazon Prime membership, a $79 per year plan that gives customers discounted shipping costs. But some media companies are averse to having their offerings potentially perceived as freebies, another person said.

Son's 'no secrets' policy irks his confiding mother

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE

Dear Abby

DEAR ABBY: My son "Clay" has been married seven years. There are times I like to discuss things of a personal nature with him having to do with our family, and I have asked him not to mention our talks with his wife. These discussions have nothing to do with her.

The problem is whatever he tells her, she repeats to her whole family. I do not want our personal problems and other matters to be known by everyone.

My other son has no trouble keeping our talks just between us, but Clay says he and his wife have "no secrets" from each other. Abby, is it OK to ask a married son or daughter not to divulge things to a spouse that have nothing to do with her or him?

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DEAR CONFIDENTIALLY: It's OK to ask; it's also OK to say no. When Clay married his wife, she became part of your family. Now that you know your son keeps no secrets from his wife, and that she leaks like a sieve, the better part of wisdom would be to stop confiding in him, don't you think?

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DEAR ABBY: As a therapist and regular reader, I was surprised and dismayed by your advice to "Hubby in Purr-gatory" (June 30). Apparently, "Hubby" has grown annoyed with his wife's preoccupation with her two cats.

Whatever blocks to closeness have been created for this couple are not likely to be removed by his demanding affection and threatening infidelity—even in jest. (Re: your comment, "He may adopt a 'kitten' of his own.") People turn to excessive engagement with animals because animals provide warmth in easy, reliable ways. Spouses would often do well to watch what animals give and offer the same things—especially uncritical pleasure in each other's company.

At the least, you could have suggested "Hubby" open a dialogue with his wife about why she chooses the cats' company and what he can do to be equally appealing.

JULIE IN RICHMOND, VA.,
CLINICAL PSYCHOLOGIST

DEAR JULIE: I'm sorry you were dismayed. If you read "Hubby's" letter again you will see that he tried "opening a dialogue" with his wife and got nowhere. She has infantilized the cats, which she calls her "babies," to assuage her anxiety after her sons moved out.

While some readers assumed I was "advising" the husband to "adopt a 'kitten' of his own," what I was trying to convey was that when a spouse (of either sex, by the way) feels ignored, unappreciated, unloved or unimportant, it is not uncommon for him or her to seek validation elsewhere. In other words, I called it as I saw it.

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DEAR ABBY: I am a 16-year-old girl. I recently had open heart surgery and my doctor did a really bad job at the "stitching up." My scar is oversized and crooked.

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SCARRED IN MINNESOTA

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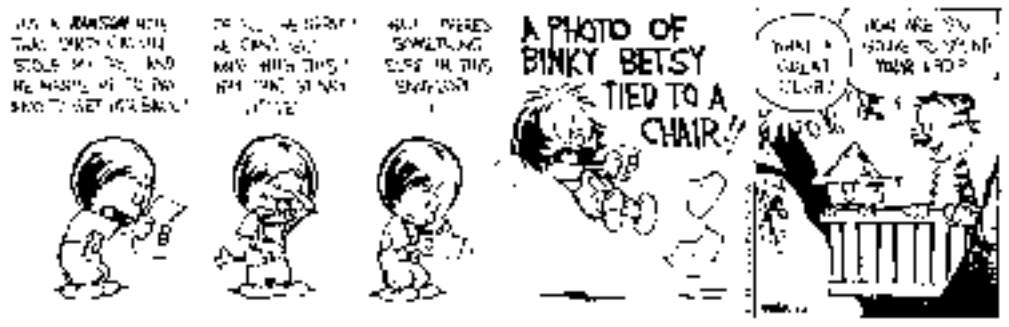

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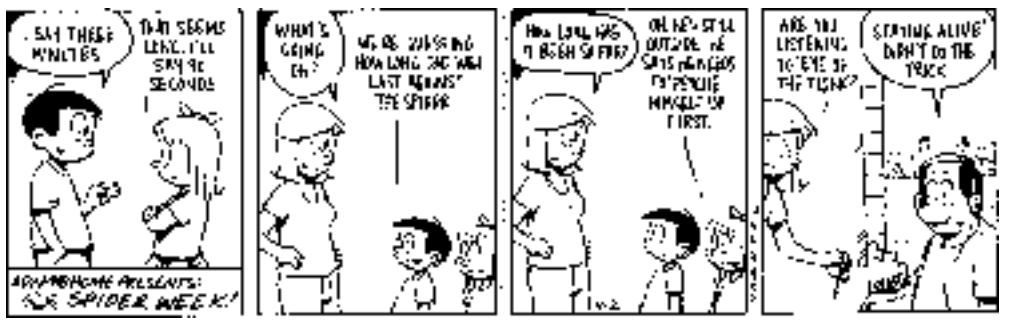

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13 Noble gas
14 Five-star review
15 Joey, e.g.
17 Finished
18 Space
19 Poisonous plant with milky juice
21 Parisian
24 All-state
25 Mat memento
26 Second person
28 Opera's Dame Nellie
32 Grecian vessels
34 Use a crowbar
36 Timbuktu's country
37 Hard wood tree with small nuts
39 Retriever type, for short
41 A Robbsey twin
42 Listener
44 Important dates
46 Loot
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51 Rodgers collaborator
52 Finger wax
56 Advantage
57 Victory
58 Festive
59 Garden intruder
60 "Cheers" order
61 Away from WSW

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2 Afternoon social
3 Blood-red
4 Quick and lively
5 "___ the ramparts ..."
6 Lumber
7 Hammer
8 Determine
9 Veterinarian's outcry
10 "Takes the cake"
11 Existed
16 School of whales
20 Jewel
21 Organization
22 Present
23 Bruce
27 Web address
29 "Tongue"
30 Just so-so
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33 Having an aroma
35 Deviate off course
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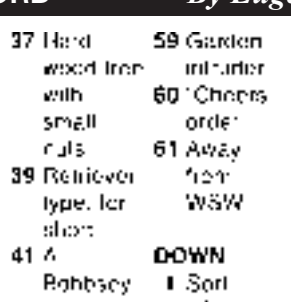

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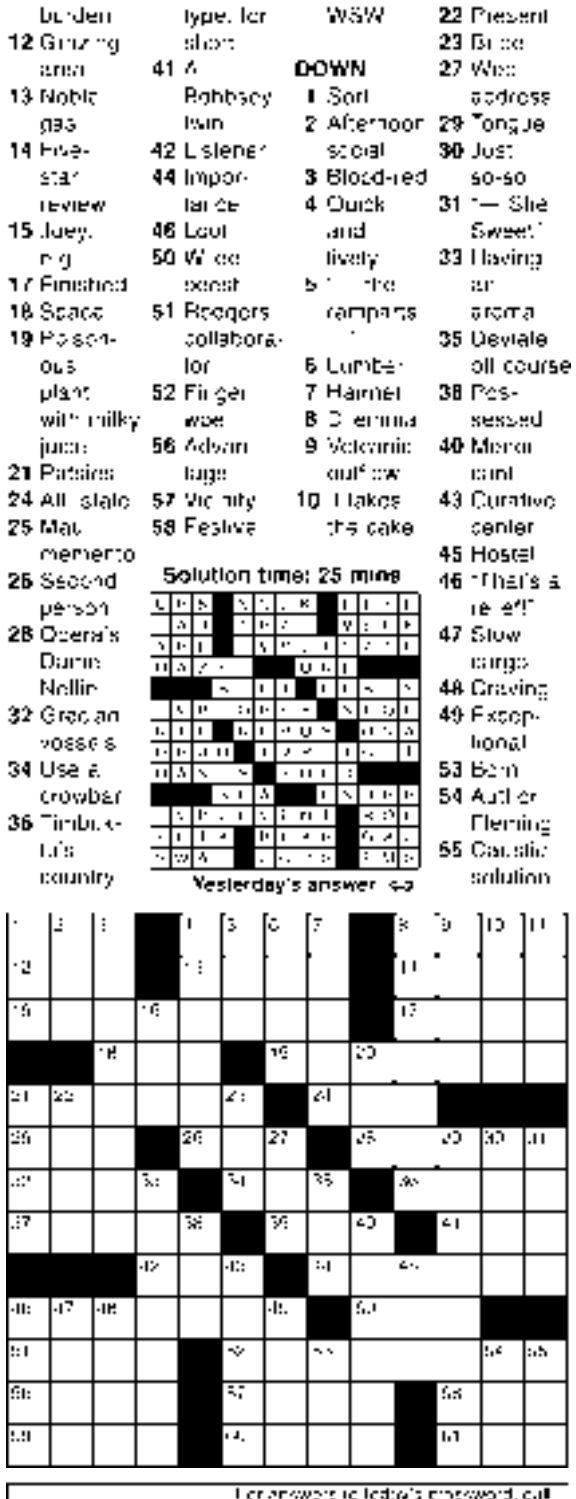

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ARIES (*March 21-April 19*): Taking on a new project or investigating the possibility of a personal or business partnership is apparent. A pleasure trip is in order but don't make impulsive plans. Research so you can enjoy the experience. ✪✪✪✪

TAURUS (*April 20-May 20*): Networking will provide you with the contacts you need to further your plans and exploit your ideas. The interaction you have with others will help you develop something unique and serviceable. ✪✪✪

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SCORPIO (*Oct. 23-Nov. 21*): Be aggressive when it comes to business ventures. You can make things happen once you realize you don't need anyone to further your goals. Follow through and present and promote what you have to offer. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN (*Dec. 22-Jan. 19*): You don't have to rush when no one else is ready to make a move. Use this time to develop an idea or concept and eventually you will be able to turn it into a moneymaker. Take care of personal paperwork, health or settlements. ✪✪✪

AQUARIUS (*Jan. 20-Feb. 18*): Talk about your ideas and plans and you will attract someone who wants to share with you. Money and good fortune are present and you can end up with greater cash flow as well as opportunities to get ahead. Innovative thoughts will bring monetary results. ✪✪✪✪✪

PISCES (*Feb. 19-March 20*): Think before you disrupt matters of a personal or business partnership. You have to maintain a working relationship with people if you want to get ahead. Now is not the time to let your emotions take over. ✪✪

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SUDOKU

Conceptis Sudoku *By Dave Green*

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WELLS FARGO FINANCIAL, Plaintiff, vs. ALBERT U. CHARFAUROS and FRANCISCA C. CHARFAUROS, Defendants.	)	CIVIL ACTION NO. 09-0481 SECOND AMENDED NOTICE OF SALE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that, pursuant to the Foreclosure Sale Order, dated June 10, 2010, issued by the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, Defendants Albert U. Charfauros and Francisco C. Charfauros' interests in Lot 001 G 151, located in Saipan, CNMI, will be sold at public auction to the highest bidder, on terms and conditions set forth herein below.

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Employment Application must be accompanied with a copy of all required diploma/certificates and/or official transcripts, original copy of recent police record not more that six (6) months old, original copy of U.S. Department of Defense Form DD214 for retired members or veterans of our Armed Forces, and other documents as required for the position. Public Law 11-70 requires that all male applicants age 18 to 26 years old must submit documentation evidencing his registration with the Federal Selective Service System. Failure to provide any of the required documents may result in automatic disqualification. Selected applicants will be subjected to pre-employment drug screening. The deadline for submission of applications is no later than ***4:30 p.m., Thursday, September 9, 2010.***

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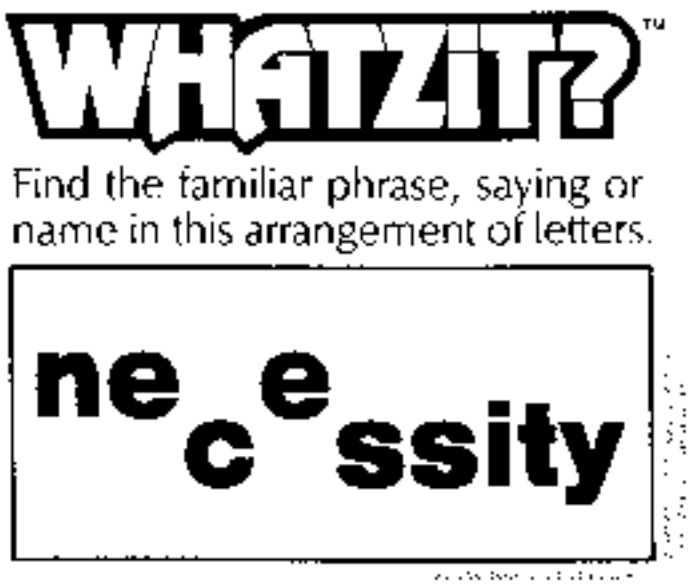

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Sharapova comes back to avoid upset at US Open

Maria Sharapova of Russia returns the ball to Jarmila Groth of Australia during the first round of the U.S. Open tennis tournament in New York, Tuesday, Aug. 31, 2010.

AP

NEW YORK (AP)—Maria Sharapova overcame a deficit and a big-hitting opponent to avoid a significant upset in the first round of the U.S. Open.

Sharapova, the 2006 champion at Flushing Meadows, played solidly and often safely while putting together a 4-6, 6-3, 6-1 victory over 60th-ranked Jarmila Groth of Australia on Tuesday.

Groth hit 14 double-faults, including on the final point of the second set. She was by far the more aggressive of the two, taking risks that sometimes paid off and sometimes did not. She hit 24 winners to 19 for Sharapova, and made 48 unforced errors to 17 for Sharapova.

"She came out firing; didn't give me many opportunities," said Sharapova, who is seeded 14th. "You just want to hang in there, get through it."

There was a lot of hanging in there on a steamy Day 2 at the U.S. Open, when the temperature rose into the mid-90s. More than a dozen women's matches went three sets, and a half-dozen men's matches lasted the full five sets, including 2007 runner-up Novak Djokovic's 6-3, 3-6, 2-6, 7-5, 6-3 victory over his friend and Davis Cup teammate Viktor Troicki.

They played for more than 3 1/2 hours, and the on-court temperature approached 110 degrees. Djokovic was down a break in the fourth set while already down, before righting himself.

"You kind of start panicking a little bit when you don't feel great physically," the third-seeded Djokovic said, "and your opponent takes advantage."

Mardy Fish, an American seeded 19th, also won in five sets, but fan favorite James Blake needed only three to reach the second round.

Sharapova never has lost earlier than the second round in seven U.S. Opens. But she also hasn't made it past the third round since taking the championship. She lost at that stage in 2007 and 2009, and missed the tournament in 2008 shortly before having right shoulder surgery.

Sharapova made adjustments to her service motion after that operation, then missed nearly two months this season with a right elbow injury. But she has seemed lately to be on her way back to being a contender at the biggest tournaments, reaching the finals at two hard-court tournaments this summer.

She only double-faulted twice Tuesday, and it was Groth who donated points with shaky serving, including on the last point of the second set.

"Maybe if I would have served differently," Groth said, "everything would be easier."

At the start, though, it was Sharapova who hardly was at her best. When Groth pounded a return winner off a second serve, she broke Sharapova to take the opening set.

During the changeover, Sharapova sat in her sideline chair and took deep breaths, briefly shutting her eyes. Back on the court, her play improved.

"It's still Sharapova, so it's not like she's going to go, 'There you go,'" Groth said.

Sharapova-Groth was the day's third match in Arthur Ashe Stadium that went the full number of sets, making for a night session that started about 1 1/2 hours later than the 7 p.m. schedule. The tournament's two No. 1-seeded players, Rafael Nadal and Caroline Wozniacki, were to play at night.

Earlier, No. 4-seeded Jelena Jankovic, like Sharapova, needed to turn things around after losing the first set. Jankovic, the runner-up at the 2008 U.S. Open, managed to get past 18-year-old Simona Halep of Romania 4-6, 6-4, 7-5. Jankovic was two points from defeat at 5-4 in the third set before taking the last three games to close out the match.

"The conditions were tough," Jankovic said. "But I didn't want to think about that. I just wanted to focus as much as I could on the match and play each point one point at a time."

Svetlana Kuznetsova, the 2004 U.S. Open champion, needed three sets, too, before eliminating 39-year-old Kimiko Date Krumm.

Wozniacki, last year's runner-up in New York, and Jankovic both have a chance to overtake Serena Williams at No. 1 in the rankings by winning the title. Next for Jankovic comes a matchup against Mirjana Lucic, who beat Alicia Molik 7-6 (5), 6-1 to win a U.S. Open match for the first time in 11 years.

The first seeded woman to exit was No. 8 Li Na, who lost to Kateryna Bondarenko 2-6, 6-4, 6-2, and she soon was followed by No. 26 Lucie Safarova and No. 30 Yaroslava Shvedova. Winners included Wimbledon runner-up Vera Zvonareva, No. 9 Agnieszka Radwanska and 2009 semifinalist Yanina Wickmayer.

In men's action, No. 16 Marcos Baghdatis, No. 24 Ernests Gulbis, No. 28 Radek Stepanek, and No. 30 Juan Monaco were eliminated.

Spain loses 2nd game as Turkey stays perfect

KAYSERI, Turkey (AP)—Host Turkey stayed perfect at the basketball World Championships by beating traditional rival and neighbor Greece 76-65, while defending champion Spain was anything but in a 76-73 defeat to Lithuania for its second loss.

Ersan Ilyasova of the Milwaukee Bucks led Turkey with 26 points and the host team pulled away thanks to a 26-10 third quarter after leading by two at halftime.

Spain wasted an 18-point lead before Linas Kleiza scored four points in the last 35 seconds to clinch the win for Lithuania. Spain is also the reigning European champion and the Olympic silver medalist and has been one of the most dominant teams in the past few years. But it has been missing center Pau Gasol the Los Angeles Lakers and guard Jose Manuel Calderon and has lost two of its three games.

Lithuania is a traditional basketball power but has been struggling in recent years and needed a FIBA wild card to make the tournament.

But it is now 3-0 and is essentially sure of reaching the single-elimination second round as one of the top four teams in its group.

Spain (1-2) looks like it will make it too since its last two group rivals are Lebanon and Canada, with one win between them so far.

Turkey improved to 3-0 and can secure top spot in the six-team Group C when it plays Puerto Rico on Wednesday. Greece (2-1) won its first two games and is also likely to finish in the top four in the group and advance.

"We were very successful. We won 3 out of 3," said Turkish point guard Kerem Tunceri. "We are very happy."

Before a partisan crowd of 10,000 in Ankara, Ioannis Bourousis led Greece with 15 points, while no other Greek player scored more than nine points. Omer Asik added 12 and Semih Erden added 10 for Turkey.

Greece lost despite fielding Antonis Fotsis and Sofoklis Schortsanitis who missed the first two games through suspensions at the championship. They were suspended by FIBA ahead of the tournament for their part in a recent brawl in an exhibition game against Serbia.

Ilyasova scored 12 points in the first quarter as Turkey took a 22-15 lead.

Semih Erden's dunk put Turkey 10 points up at 1:30 left in the third quarter and the host's kept a a commanding lead the rest of the way. Turkey outrebounded Greece 37-31 and made 48 percent of its 3-pointers to Greece's 30.

A small group of Greek fans unfurled a banner that read: "We are neighbors and not enemies," in reference to improved relations between the neighbors since they helped each other in the wake of massive earthquakes that hit both countries in 1999.

Bourousis said he was happy to play in Turkey.

"For us, it is no problem, it is not political," Bourousis said. "We are friends."

"We had a bad second half and lost pace. The Turks were on target and by the time we got back in the game it was too late to turn it," he said.

Fotsis said Turkey was strong at home.

"They took the lead and held onto it—that's it," he said. "We have to improve for our next game, and we can."

Turkish Foreign Minister Ahmet Davutoglu and Greek Deputy Foreign Minister Dimitris Droutsas watched the match together after the Turkish minister hosted his Greek guest at a fast breaking dinner during the holy month of Ramadan.

In Izmir, Lithuania used a 23-5 run—including a 45-second spurt in which Jonas Maciulis dunked twice on fast breaks—to tie the score at 66 with 5:25 left in the game.

After Kleiza made two free throws with four seconds left, Raul Lopez scrambled down the court to get Spain a last look from behind the arc, but Martynus Pocius deflected his pass out of bounds as time expired.

Kleiza finished with 17 points, while Maciulis and Pocius finished with 13 each.

Marc Gasol and Juan Carlos Navarro led Spain with 18 points each. Ricky Rubio, the 19-year-old guard, was just 1-of-7 from the field to finish with three points and two assists.

"We were not able to keep our focus in the forth quarter and our concentration against a very good team," Spanish coach Sergio Scariolo said.

Lithuania will play France (3-0) on Wednesday to decide the winner of Group D.

Nicolas Batum and Mickael Gelabale each hit a pair of free throws in the final 17 seconds to help France clinch a 68-63 win over Canada.

Canada's third straight loss crippled its chances of finishing in the top four.

Batum led France with 24 points, while Levon Kendall had 15 for Canada.

In other games, Russia (2-1) beat winless Ivory Coast 72-66, New Zealand (1-2) beat Lebanon (1-2) 108-76 and Puerto Rico (1-2) beat China (1-2) 84-76.

Yankees beat A's, take over first place in AL East

NEW YORK (AP)—Mark Teixeira hit a three-run homer for the Yankees, who beat up on Oakland again in a 9-3 win over the Athletics on Tuesday night.

The victory moved the Yankees back into sole possession of first place in the AL East. Tampa Bay and New York had shared the lead for eight days.

The Yankees, who came back from a three-run deficit to win 11-5 the night before, jumped on A's starter Vin Mazzaro right away. Brett Gardner led off the first with a single, and the Yankees scored three runs in the inning, helped by second baseman Mark Ellis's fielding error and Jorge Posada's triple.

Yankees starter Phil Hughes (16-6) walked five but only gave up two runs and four hits in five innings.

AP

New York Yankees first baseman Mark Teixeira, second baseman Robinson Cano, third baseman Alex Rodriguez and shortstop Derek Jeter, from left, wait out a pitching change in the eighth inning of the Yankees' 8-2 loss to the Toronto Blue Jays in a baseball game at Yankee Stadium on Tuesday, Aug. 3, 2010, in New York.

Blue Jays 13, Rays 5

At St. Petersburg, Florida, Jose Bautista hit his major league-leading 43rd homer during a 10-run sixth inning for Toronto.

Tampa Bay lost for only the fifth time in 17 games but fell a game behind the first-place New York Yankees in the AL East.

Bautista capped the sixth-inning outburst with a three-run shot off reliever Lance Cormier that put the Blue Jays up 11-3. It was the most runs scored in one inning by Toronto since an 11-run sixth on July 25, 2007, at Minnesota.

White Sox 4, Indians 3

At Cleveland, with Manny Ramirez standing in the on-deck circle ready to pinch-hit, A.J. Pierzynski hit a three-run homer off Frank Herrmann in the ninth inning to lift the White Sox to a win over the Indians.

Ramirez, who arrived earlier in the day to help Chicago's playoff push, was poised to make his White Sox debut and bat for Brent Lillibridge before Pierzynski came through.

He drove an 0-1 pitch over the wall in right field, and as he rounded the bases, Ramirez retreated to Chicago's dugout, where the fun-loving slugger celebrated his new teammate's heroics by high-fiving the rest of the White Sox.

Orioles 5, Red Sox 2

At Baltimore, Brian Matusz won his third consecutive start as the Orioles beat Josh Beckett and the fading Red Sox to cap a memorable first month under manager Buck Showalter.

Luke Scott hit his career-high 26th homer, had two RBIs and scored twice to help the Orioles extend their winning streak to four. Baltimore went 17-11 in August, 17-10 with Showalter in the dugout.

The Orioles last had a winning August in 1997—the most recent season in which they finished above .500.

Matusz (7-12) allowed two runs, six hits and a walk in six-plus innings. The left-hander struck out six, including David Ortiz three times.

Twins 4, Tigers 3

At Minneapolis, Delmon Young had two hits, including the go-ahead single in the seventh, to lift the Twins over the Tigers.

Young's big hit came after Tigers reliever Phil Coke (7-4) hit two batters to load the bases and Ryan Perry walked in the leveling run.

Danny Valencia had three hits and an RBI and Brian Duensing gave up three unearned runs on nine hits in 6 2-3 innings for the Twins, who stayed four games ahead of the Chicago White Sox in the AL Central.

Jhonny Peralta had three hits and an RBI for the Tigers, but struck out with the tying run at third base to end the game.

Matt Guerrier (3-7) picked up the win and Matt Capps got his seventh save since being acquired from Washington and 33rd on the season.

Royals 10, Rangers 9

At Kansas City, Willie Bloomquist scored on Alexi Ogando's wild pitch with two outs in the bottom of the ninth and Alex Gordon drove in three runs as the Royals beat the Rangers.

Wilson Betemit opened the ninth with a double and Bloomquist pinch-ran for him. Brayan Pena walked with one out. Bloomquist stole third with one out and scored on Ogando's wild pitch with Yuniesky Betancourt at the plate.

Jakim Soria (1-2) picked up the victory, allowing one hit in a scoreless ninth. Rangers left-hander Darren Oliver (1-2), who started the ninth, took the loss and has allowed 11 earned runs in 10 innings in his past 13 outings.

Mariners 3, Angels 1

At Seattle, Adam Moore's broken-bat RBI single highlighted a three-run rally in the eighth inning as Seattle beat Los Angeles.

The Mariners, trailing 1-0, faced reliever Kevin Jepsen (2-4), who took over for starter Dan Haren. Jepsen walked Russell Branyan with one out. Matt Tuiasosopo pinch ran for him.

Jose Lopez followed with a single and Casey Kotchman walked. Michael Saunders hit a sacrifice fly to right to score Tuiasosopo. Moore followed with his looping game-winner just over the reach of second baseman Howard Kendrick.

Josh Wilson followed with an RBI single to score Kotchman.

Brandon League (9-6), who took over for starter Felix Hernandez in the eighth, earned the victory. David Aardsma worked the ninth to pick up his 26th save in 31 opportunities.

Reds 8, Brewers 4

At Cincinnati, Cuban defector Aroldis Chapman reached 102 mph (164 kph) during one perfect inning as Cincinnati beat Milwaukee to wrap up the best August by any team in the majors.

The NL Central leaders moved a season-high seven games ahead of St. Louis. The Reds haven't led by so many games since 1995, the last time they reached the playoffs.

Chapman joined the Reds' bullpen and matched the hype his first time out, throwing four pitches clocked at 100 mph (160 kph) or better. The Reds called up the hard-throwing lefty, hoping he can add some sizzle to their September—and beyond.

The Reds pulled away from St. Louis by going 19-8 in August, the best mark in the majors.

Joey Votto drove in three runs with two doubles off Yovani Gallardo (11-7). Sam LeCure (2-4) pitched two innings in relief of Aaron Harang, who struggled in his return from back spasms.

Braves 9, Mets 2

At Atlanta, David Ross hit his first career grand slam to cap a seven-run inning for the Braves made possible by Luis Castillo's error.

The Mets scored two runs in the fifth off rookie Mike Minor (3-0), but the 2-1 lead didn't last long. In the bottom half, the Braves knocked out Jonathon Niese (8-7), taking advantage of Castillo's blunder.

The second baseman let a likely double-play grounder slip between his legs, and the Braves made New York pay. Jason Heyward followed with a two-run double, Alex Gonzalez had an RBI single and Ross—Atlanta's backup catcher getting one of his occasional starts—hit his second homer of the season.

Ross also had a triple.

Phillies 8, Dodgers 4

At Los Angeles, Brian Schneider and Ryan Howard each hit a three-run homer to power Philadelphia past Los Angeles, keeping the Phillies three games behind first-place Atlanta in the NL East.

The Phillies' lead over San Francisco in the wild-card race remained 1 1/2 games, while the Dodgers fell 6 1/2 back with their third loss in four games.

Kyle Kendrick (9-7) allowed four runs and seven hits in five-plus innings for the win.

After being held to two runs or less in eight of their previous 12 games, including a shutout loss Monday night in which they managed just one hit, the Phillies got going early against Carlos Monasterios (3-5) and then kept up the pressure on the Dodgers' shaky bullpen.

Giants 5, Rockies 2

At San Francisco, Andres Torres led off the eighth inning with a go-ahead home run, helping San Francisco beat Colorado to close within four games of first place in the NL West.

Buster Posey added a two-run double in the eighth as the Giants won for the second time in six games. Freddy Sanchez had two hits and scored twice.

Jeremy Affeldt (4-3) blew a late lead for the second straight game but earned his second consecutive win after pitching the eighth. Brian Wilson worked the ninth for his 37th save.

Diamondbacks 7, Padres 4

At Phoenix, Miguel Montero drove in the go-ahead runs with a ground-rule double, Gerardo Parra made two critical defensive plays and hit a two-run single as Arizona handed NL West-leading San Diego its sixth straight loss.

The Diamondbacks scored five runs in the fifth and chased Kevin Correia (10-10) en route to their fifth victory in six games. Mark Reynolds hit his third home run in two nights, a two-run shot in the second that tied it at 2.

Ian Kennedy (9-9) allowed three runs in seven innings for the win and Juan Gutierrez got three outs for his fifth save.

Marlins 1, Nationals 0, 10 innings.

At Miami, Florida's Chad Tracy singled home Hanley Ramirez with the winning run in the 10th inning.

Ramirez singled with one out off reliever Drew Storen, then stole second. After Gaby Sanchez drew a walk, Tracy singled to left.

Roger Bernadina's throw was on target, but Ramirez slid under the tag attempt by catcher Ivan Rodriguez, who argued the call vehemently.

It was the ninth walk-off win for the Marlins this season.

Clay Hensley (3-4) picked up the victory for Florida.

Astros 3, Cardinals 0

At Houston, Wandy Rodriguez pitched seven innings and three relievers completed the three-hit shutout for Houston.

Hunter Pence drove in two runs in Houston's three-run fourth inning.

The Cardinals were shut out for the second straight game after J.A. Happ threw a two-hitter in a 3-0 win on Monday. They have dropped four straight, seven of their last eight and are seven games behind Cincinnati in the NL Central.

Tim Byrdak replaced Rodriguez (11-12) for the eighth inning, but was chased when he walked the first batter he faced. Wilton Lopez finished the eighth.

Brandon Lyon gave up a double to Matt Holliday in the ninth and walked Skip Schumaker with two outs, but pinch-hitter Randy Winn struck out to end the game and Lyon got his 10th save.

Pirates 14, Cubs 7

At Chicago, Neil Walker and Garrett Jones hit long two-run homers for Pittsburgh in a rare road victory.

Walker went 4 for 5 with four RBIs and three runs scored for the Pirates, who won for only the fifth time in 43 road games and ended a 14-game losing streak away from PNC Park.

Pittsburgh is 10-4 against Chicago this season and has won 12 of 16 at Wrigley Field dating to a doubleheader sweep on Sept. 30 last year.

Pirates starter Jeff Karstens (3-10) allowed two runs and four hits in six innings after missing his previous turn with a fatigued arm.

Nats' Strasburg to have Tommy John surgery Friday

MIAMI (AP)—Washington Nationals rookie ace Stephen Strasburg will have Tommy John surgery on Friday to rebuild his injured right elbow, an operation that is expected to sideline him for 12 to 18 months.

The ligament replacement surgery will be in Los Angeles and performed by Dr. Lewis Yocum, with Nationals team doctor Dr. Wiemi Douoguih assisting.

"He is dealing with it like a professional," Nationals general manager Mike Rizzo said before Tuesday night's game against Florida. "He's very determined to get it done and start the process."

Strasburg will begin his recuperation the day after the surgery, recovering at the Scripps Clinic in his hometown of San Diego.

Strasburg hurt himself while pitching Aug. 21 in Philadelphia. The right-hander who created such a buzz all through baseball was 5-3 with a 2.91 ERA.

The 22-year-old Strasburg was the overall No. 1 pick in the 2009 draft and quickly climbed through the minor leagues this season.

With a fastball that reached 100 mph and wicked curves, he struck out 14 during his major league debut in June and had many fans saying he should be on the NL All-Star team in July.

Final cast complete in Miller Lite caging

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After what seemed like forever, Wings Travel finally has an opponent in the finals of the 2010 Miller Lite Invitational Basketball League.

Mother Nature's rain showers postponed the semifinals between Satbahi and Grillin' for more than a week.

The semis game finally went down last Sunday with Satbahi prevailing, 82-71, after three close quarters of play at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court.

Satbahi started the game well as their defense contained Grillin' star player Lerio Pagarao to only a free throw in the opening period.

Satbahi's Andy Mortos led the way on the offensive end with eight points and received a handful of points from teammate Marlon Sison that enabled their team to hold a two-point lead after the first quarter, 17-15.

In the second period, Pagarao came alive with seven markers for Grillin', but Satbahi did a better job of sharing the ball and stretched their lead to five points at the half, 35-30. The Satbahi defense stayed strong and allowed fewer points overall in the second quarter than they did in the first.

Grillin' tried to stage a comeback with eight and six points from Rocyl Ritual and Pagarao, respectively, but Satbahi players kept their composure, keeping their mistakes to a minimum to maintain a slight lead going into the fourth quarter, 51-48.

At crunch time, Satbahi put it in high gear and pulled away from Grillin' in the late minutes of the game. Satbahi's Sison turned in a solid nine-point effort in the closing period and received seven and six points, respectively, from teammates Kermit Concepcion and Mortos. The Satbahi defense continued to bite down, limiting Grillin's Pagarao to only five markers.

Grillin's Ritual and Roger Herrera tried to step up, but came up short in this matchup as the bigger Satbahi squad made it very difficult for Grillin' to penetrate close to the hoop for high percentage shots.

The win advanced Satbahi to the championship game this Sunday at the Gualo Rai Basketball Court where they will challenge the rags-to-riches team of Wings Travel.

A consolation playoff game starting at 6:30pm between MGD and Grillin' will precede the finals matchup to see who finishes out the tourney in third place.

Additionally, right after the championship game the Miller Lite caging awards presentation is scheduled to take place.

Team awards and individual awards, including regular season and finals MVPs, most rebounds, best in assists, scoring champ, and 3-point king will all be honored.

Satbahi 82 – Sison 18, Mortos 16, Camacho 12, Concepcion 11, Tengco 8, Paraiso 7, Torrez 6, Hernandez 2, Sablan 2.

Grillin' 71 – Pagarao 19, Ritual 21, Herrera 10, Hernandez 12, Tibayan 7, Loste 2.

Scoring by quarters: 17-15, 35-30, 51-48, 82-71.

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ing to be part of the elite team, its members are Marvin and Thomas Lee, Takumi Sugie, Kosei and Ryosei Toda, Hiroto Yanai, and Angel De Jesus.

The Ikusei group, which is a developmental team getting ready for competitions, has the most members with 15. This include Dooyong Lee, Lorete Omos, Albert Lee, Kenichi Shirata, Louie Omos, Yuuki Nishida, Mark Maestro, Lukas Kang, Ryuto Yanai, Kevin Englskjen, Midori Nishida, Daime Rivera, Julie Conner, Monica Kang, Cheska Dalusung, and Katherine Illahi.

The Beginners group has Jacob Yoon, Vincent Lee, Andrew Kim, F.J. Dalusung, Miku Tammy, and Kyona Rivera and they are taking introductory course.

The Sensyu, Jyun-Sensyu, and Ikusei groups practice six times a day or from Monday to Saturday with two sessions every Saturday. The Beginners and Fitness teams trains every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Saturday only.

Now that swimmers had been divided into five groups, Tsunami Saipan is planning to hold swim meets later this month and next month.

"It will be small meets, but they will give our rookies a good experience. For our experienced swimmers, the meets will give them opportunities to update their times," Kimura said.

Besides joining swimming competitions, Tsunami Saipan is also active in community events. Last month, Tsunami Saipan swimmers had a clean-up drive at Mt. Tapochao. On Sept. 25, they will have the same activity at the Managaha Island.

"We already have more than 30 swimmers as volunteers for the clean-up drive. Tsunami Saipan swimmers and officials will continue to take an active role in keeping our home island clean," the Tsunami Saipan coach added.

NMIFA

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festival and tournaments allow coaches to learn administrative skills, while discussions on teaching material and equipment evolve on specific requirements and particularities of various age groups.

Coaches are expected to develop the grassroots program in schools and communities besides their respective clubs and it should target players, girls and boys, between six and 12 years old.

The first two days of the course was a whole day affair and involved practical and theoretical sessions, while weekday sessions that began last Monday and will run until Friday will last for only four hours.

In the final day of the course this Saturday, participants will have another whole-day affair, as they will have to attend the festival preparations from 8am to 12pm and then hold the festival/games for players in the 11 and 12 age groups.

Initially, NMIFA was given only one slot for the course, but just before the seminar started, the association was informed of the availability of another spot.

"We would like to thank GFA for graciously accommodating our two coaches," NMIFA general secretary Ed Salas said.

PACQUIAO

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ago. Though he agrees Margarito deserves a second chance in boxing, Pacquiao isn't buying Margarito's defense and the passionate arguments of promoter Bob Arum, who promotes both fighters.

"Of course, I believe he knew," Pacquiao said. "He's the one who wraps his hands. He's just making some alibi for some reason. What do you think? My belief is you (would) know that."

During an otherwise genial get-together Tuesday at the Beverly Hills Hotel, boxing's pound-for-pound champion said he wants somebody watching Margarito's hands getting wrapped before they meet in Texas, which is hosting the bout partly because Margarito still is banned from the ring in Nevada and California.

"My concern is that we have somebody in the dressing room, someone else watching him," Pacquiao said.

The Philippines' new congressman will fight for a title in his eighth weight class when he meets Margarito on Nov. 13 in a bout at Cowboys Stadium, which could be filled with more than 70,000 fans. Although the bout is for the vacant WBC 154-pound title, they'll meet at a 151-pound catch weight.

The fighters exchanged handshakes and later cracked up when they attempted the usual staredown pose, with Pacquiao laughing when he craned his neck to look up at Margarito, who's about 5 inches taller.

The matchup is undeniably dangerous for the much smaller-framed Pacquiao, who has won 12 straight fights, including a one-sided decision over Joshua Clottey at Cowboys Stadium in March. Pacquiao will make sure it isn't even more perilous to fight Margarito, whose promising career was derailed when trained Javier Capetillo was caught packing his wraps with a substance resembling plaster before Margarito's loss to Sugar Shane Mosley in Los Angeles in January 2009.

Wearing a canary-yellow polo shirt and demonstrating an increased ease with the media responsibilities of a superstar, Pacquiao took his position just moments after Arum launched another passionate defense of Margarito, who was denied a license to fight by the California state commission on Aug. 18.

"Antonio Margarito did not know that those hand wraps were illegal, and there was something bad in those wraps," Arum said. "(There's) not one shred of proof. ... There was a revocation. He served his time, and thank God, the people in the Texas boxing commission, who reviewed all the testimony, agreed with that conclusion."

But Arum's decision to match his best fighter against his most notorious has been met with widespread criticism, and not just because of his suspension in the Western states.

One reason was evident when the fighters exchanged handshakes and stood together. Both cracked up when they attempted the usual staredown pose, with Pacquiao laughing as he craned his neck to look up at Margarito.

Pacquiao's record is 51-3-2, 38 KOs. Although Pacquiao has redefined the importance of weight classes during his near-unprecented rise, the matchup is undeniably dangerous.

Pacquiao's hand-wrap observers will make sure it isn't even more perilous to fight Margarito.

"They're welcome to watch the wraps," Margarito said through a translator. "I'm going to prepare myself the best I can to give a great fight. I always stay in the gym, learning and training."

Margarito (38-6, 27 KOs) has a size advantage and a remarkable ability to take a punch, but he also has fought just once since his loss to Mosley, winning a tuneup bout in Mexico in May.

Margarito has been fairly defiant about his role in the scandal, which led to Capetillo's banishment from the sport and Margarito's inability to resume his career in California or Nevada, which generally respects another state's suspension.

California's state athletic commission voted 5-1 to deny a license for Margarito, and Nevada's more respected commission tabled a vote on Margarito's reinstatement. The Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation granted a license to Margarito last week after a three-day review.

Arum hailed the decision, as did the WBC. Executive secretary Mauricio Sulaiman triumphantly held up a 154-pound belt with a Cowboys star and a Top Rank logo affixed to it Tuesday.

The disgraced boxer is "a true Mexican who has paid his dues, and deserves to make his life for himself and his kids," Sulaiman said of Margarito, who has no children.

Holding the fight in Texas deprives Las Vegas of a much-needed eight-figure payday in ticket sales, hotel bookings and gambling revenue from the thousands of fans who follow Pacquiao. Arum lives in Las Vegas, but hasn't hesitated to stage Pacquiao's two recent fights in Cowboys owner Jerry Jones' palace.

Pacquiao's legislative responsibilities won't prevent him from spending a month training in Hollywood with Freddie Roach before the fight. He promised a more entertaining bout than his one-sided match with Clottey, whose frightened effort included few punches.

"This fight will be the exact opposite to my last fight," Pacquiao said. "This guy likes to throw a lot of punches. I like his style, because it's great for me."

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a worthy cause.

Proceeds from the two races will be donated to the Independents Football Club, which recruits players from the southern side of the island. IFC provides strikers, mostly youths, with free shin guards, uniforms, and balls, thus the club needs additional funding to continue its services to young players.

In return, IFC officials and players will be joining the Banzai race as volunteers.

This year's defending champions (half marathon) are Ketson "Jack" Kabiriel and Mamiko Oshima-Berger. Kabiriel will be aiming for his third straight men's division title, while Oshima-Berger will be off-island and will miss this year's race, ending her four-year reign in the event at this early.

For more information about next weekend's event, contact Ruszala at bradinthesand96950@yahoo.com.

TRIBUNE SPORTS SCORES

MLB STANDINGS

AMERICAN LEAGUE

East Division

	W	L	Pct	GB
New York	82	50	.621	_
Tampa Bay	81	51	.614	1
Boston	74	58	.561	8
Toronto	69	63	.523	13
Baltimore	49	83	.371	33

Central Division

Minnesota	76	56	.576	_
Chicago	72	60	.545	4
Detroit	65	67	.492	11
Kansas City	56	76	.424	20
Cleveland	53	79	.402	23

West Division

Texas	74	58	.561	_
Oakland	65	66	.496	8 1/2
Los Angeles	64	69	.481	10 1/2
Seattle	52	80	.394	22

NATIONAL LEAGUE

East Division

Atlanta	77	55	.583	_
Philadelphia	74	58	.561	3
Florida	66	65	.504	10 1/2
New York	65	67	.492	12
Washington	57	76	.429	20 1/2

Central Division

Cincinnati	77	55	.583	_
St. Louis	69	61	.531	7
Milwaukee	62	70	.470	15
Houston	61	71	.462	16
Chicago	56	77	.421	21 1/2
Pittsburgh	44	88	.333	33

West Division

San Diego	76	55	.580	_
San Francisco	73	60	.549	4
Colorado	69	62	.527	7
Los Angeles	68	65	.511	9
Arizona	54	79	.406	23

Yesterday's Games

Cincinnati 8, Milwaukee 4
Atlanta 9, N.Y. Mets 2
Florida 1, Washington 0, 10 innings
Pittsburgh 14, Chicago Cubs 7
Houston 3, St. Louis 0
Arizona 7, San Diego 4
Philadelphia 8, L.A. Dodgers 4
San Francisco 5, Colorado 2
Baltimore 5, Boston 2
Chicago White Sox 4, Cleveland 3
N.Y. Yankees 9, Oakland 3
Toronto 13, Tampa Bay 5
Minnesota 4, Detroit 3
Kansas City 10, Texas 9
Seattle 3, L.A. Angels 1

FIBA WORLD STANDINGS

Group A

Team	GP	W	L	Pts
Argentina	3	3	0	6
Australia	3	2	1	5
Serbia	3	2	1	5
Angola	3	1	2	4
Germany	3	1	2	4
Jordan	3	0	3	3

Group B

United States	3	3	0	6
Slovenia	3	2	1	5
Brazil	3	2	1	5
Croatia	3	1	2	4
Iran	3	1	2	4
Tunisia	3	0	3	3

Group C

Greece	2	2	0	4
Turkey	2	2	0	4
China	2	1	1	3
Russia	2	1	1	3
Ivory Coast	2	0	2	2
Puerto Rico	2	0	2	2

Group D

France	2	2	0	4
Lithuania	2	2	0	4
Lebanon	2	1	1	3
Spain	2	1	1	3
Canada	2	0	2	2
New Zealand	2	0	2	2

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2010 QQ Rent A Car Basketball Cup Opening

PHOTOS By ROSELYN B. MONROYO

Members of Wings Travel pose for a group photo after winning the Best in Uniform award during the opening ceremony for the 2010 QQ Rent A Car Basketball Cup last Saturday at the Gilbert C. Ada Gymnasium.

Teams listen to the speech of guest and Masters Basketball Federation of the NMI president Ray Lizama.

Rep. Ralph Demapan, center, does the ceremonial toss between Wings Travel's Yosh Gabaldon, left, and IT&E's Errol Peredo.

Docomo-Mobil's Gerryn Domingo, center, receives the Best in Muse trophy from Rep. Ralph Demapan, right. Also in the photo is Docomo-Mobil player Jun Estolas.

The players and muse of Pacific Grocers sing the CNMI anthem.

Cellular Pro players and their muse attend the opening rites.

Players of the Westerners sing the U.S. anthem.

From left, referees Fyke Sabino, Arnold Mesa, and Jess Pabula attend the opening rites.

Marlon Cabrera, front row right, leads the Atalig Associates during the parade of teams.

The IT&E players participate in the opening rites of the QQ Cup.

Tsunami swimmers return to action

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Tsunami SAIPAN

It is business as usual for swimmers of Tsunami Swimming Center Saipan, which resumed its regular practice sessions at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi late last month.

"Our new season started last month. After the Micro Games, we had a summer break. We didn't hold practice for two weeks. I'm so happy that a lot of swimmers have shown significant improvements and were promoted in their class after the summer practice," Tsunami Saipan head coach Hiro Kimura said.

This season, Kimura said Tsunami swimmers are divided into five groups with members of the Sensyu, Jyun-Sensyu, Ikusei, and Beginners divisions allowed to compete in various tournaments this year and next year. Tsunami Saipan added the Fitness group to its roster this season, but the 20 swimmers on this team are not yet qualified for competitions as per the club's regulations.

Micronesian Games gold medalists Kai Staal and Kensuke Kimura will lead Tsunami Saipan's roster this season, joining Kaisei Toda, Kaito Yanai, and Angel Tan in the club's premier team—the Sensyu.

In the Jyun-Sensyu or for the group train-

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Kensuke Kimura and the rest of Tsunami Saipan swimmers are back in action at the Kan Pacific Swimming Pool in Marpi and will be preparing for several tournaments this season.

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NMIFA sends two coaches to FIFA seminar

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Jershwin Angeles, left, and Norman Del Rosario pose in front of the Guam Football Association facility during a break in their eight-day FIFA grassroots coaching course.

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Two coaches from member-clubs of Northern Mariana Islands Football Association are currently in Guam, attending the FIFA grassroots coaching course.

MP United's Norman Del Rosario and Tan Holdings Football Club's Jershwin Angeles left Saipan on Aug. 27 and will be staying in Guam until Sept. 4 to complete the eight-day course.

The course is conducted both at the Guam Football Association facility and at the Fiesta Resort & Spa Guam with more than 20 coaches from various clubs from the host island joining Del Rosario and Angeles.

FIFA staff is conducting the grassroots program, which aimed at bringing the game to the people in the best possible ways. The program has five goals—give everyone an opportunity to play; emphasize that football can be played anywhere; eliminate discrimination; practice simple, exciting, and rewarding games; and respect fair play.

In the clinic, attendees are introduced to the three main components of the program—courses for coach-educators, assistance in the organization of festival/tournaments, and teaching material and equipment.

Under the courses for coach-educators, participants are taught about the basics of football, including the right way of conducting small-sided games, performing exercises before and after the games, and teaching basic skills to players.

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Pacquiao: Margarito knew what was in hand wraps

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BOXING

BEVERLY HILLS, California (AP)—Manny Pacquiao believes in giving a second chance to disgraced boxer Antonio Margarito, his next opponent.

Pacquiao

Margarito

Pacquiao said he just doesn't believe Margarito was unaware he was wearing illegal hand wraps before a fight nearly two years

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More than 60 runners expected in Banzai race

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The organizer of the 5th Annual POWERade Banzai Memorial Half Marathon and Fun Run is expected to lure more than 60 runners for the annual race that will take place on Sept. 11.

"I'm expecting somewhere between 65 and 100 participants this year and even more contributing sponsors. Last year we had the POWERade, Coca-Cola, Glimpses, Subway, Foremost, Pacific Islands Club, IT&E, Taga Inc., XTERRA Saipan, Marianas Visitors Authority, The Athlete's Foot, All-Star Sporting Goods, All-Star Sporting Goods, and Michelob Ultra among others," race organizer Brad Ruszala said.

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Kimiko Hasegawa was among the participants in last year's Banzai run and finished second behind Mamiko Oshima-Berger in the half marathon race.

Ruszala added entrance fee for both the short and long courses remains at $20 and student-runners will get a 50 percent discount on race fees.

The long course race, an off-road 13.1-mile run, will begin at 6m, while the shorter 5-kilometer run will kick off at 7am. Registration for both races will start at 5:15am.

Participants in the half marathon will have to go through some portions of downhill and uphill trails, while 5-km runners will race mostly on flat surface. Briefings for both courses will be done before the races start.

The island's runners are encouraged to join next weekend's race, as they will be supporting

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